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Gospel Conversations at Home at Work at Play



Session 1

Introduction » Christ-Centered

Introduction

At the conclusion of each of the four Gospels and in the first chapter of the Book of Acts, Jesus made it very clear that each of His followers was expected to be His witnesses. In Acts 8, we read that a great persecution took place in Jerusalem and the believers, except for the apostles, were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. Acts 8:4 states, "Those (believers) who were scattered preached the word wherever they went." The ordinary believers of the early church enthusiastically obeyed Jesus' commands to share the gospel message and, as a result, the world was greatly impacted by their message. In contrast, today very few believers ever share their faith with an unbeliever. Unless a significantly larger percentage of believers begin to communicate the gospel message then we will never see a great movement of God whereby many are being saved in our county, state, country, and beyond.

Many evangelical churches have in recent years depended on good programmatic, evangelism training ministries to develop witnesses. These programs were used to effectively train adult church members to share the gospel with church visitors in the visitors' homes. Because these visitors had already come to the church it was probable that they were open to responding to a gospel presentation. They were what we refer to as "low hanging fruit" that was ready to be picked. However, because these training ministries used a "one size fits all" approach to sharing the gospel, they were mostly ineffective in equipping believers to witness to people who did not indicate that they had any prior spiritual interests, such as co-workers, neighbors, relatives, or most people in general. To make matters even worse, the great majority of our churches have quit using these training ministries all together and we have not replaced them with other strategies. There are individual churches that are doing good things, but overall most churches have quit equipping their lay people to share the gospel.

It has been said, "If you keep doing what you're doing, then you'll keep getting what you've been getting." This is true of evangelism as well. We have to do something and that something is implementing a biblical strategy that can train and mobilize a much greater percentage of believers to have spiritual and gospel conversations with people at work, at home, and at play. That is why **All for One** was developed. **All for One** is inspired from Colossians 3-4 and specifically from Colossians 4:5-6. "Walk in wisdom toward **outsiders**, making the most of the time. ⁶ Your speech should always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person."

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All for One stresses that **All** believers, not just pastors and leaders, are exhorted to be wise in the way they act toward outsiders or unbelievers. Instead of separating ourselves totally from outsiders, we are to wisely relate to them, love them, serve them, and then prayerfully engage them in gracious spiritual and gospel conversations. **All for One** is about believers developing a daily lifestyle of evangelism rather than just participating in an evangelistic program on a particular night of the week.

All for One stresses that all believers are to ask the Lord each day who their One person is that they should love and strive to reach with the gospel. It focuses on two different types of Ones. Each believer will be taught to ask the Lord to burden him for at least One (or more) person that he already knows to some degree who he can influence for Christ. Each believer will also be taught to ask the Lord each day who the One or more strangers are who they need to be ready to engage in brief or lengthy spiritual or gospel conversations each day. As Jesus stated in Matthew 28:19, "Go and make disciples," which literally means "as you go". In other words, a lifestyle of evangelism is not about adding activity to your life, but being sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit to seize opportunities to share Christ "as you go" throughout your day.

How can believers live in wisdom toward outsiders in accordance with Colossians 3-4? *All for One* stresses five essentials.

Christ-Centered (continually empowered and led by Christ)
Caring about outsiders
Connecting with outsiders
Conversing with outsiders
Continuing with Christ and others

All for One Evangelism Training is unique in that it does much more than teach someone a gospel presentation. It stresses the primary need for every believer to be continually filled by Christ throughout each and every day so that he or she can practice a lifestyle of evangelism. The empowerment by and leading by Christ is the key to **All for One**.

Colossians 3:3	Teaches us that we have died with Christ and have put away our previous sinful life.
Colossians 3:4	Stresses that we are also alive in Christ because He "is our life."
Colossians 3:12	Instructs us to "put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility"
Colossians 3:14	Exhorts us to "put on love."
Colossians 3:15	Tells us to let the "peace of Christ rule" in our hearts.
Colossians 3:16	Commands us to "let the word of Christ richly dwell with you."

When we put on compassion and love, when we let the peace of Christ rule in us, when we let the word of Christ richly dwell in us, then we are really putting on Christ. He is love, He is peace, He is

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the Word. Chapter three clearly emphasizes that we can't accomplish anything significant apart from Christ. He must do His work through us, especially the work of evangelism as described in Colossians 4:5–6.

This training then teaches that for believers to be wise in the way they act toward outsiders they must begin to deeply care about them, intentionally connect with them through relationships, learn to graciously converse with them about Christ and the gospel, and then continue on with them regardless of whether or not they receive Christ.

The sessions consist of classroom teaching times, homework assignments, and more that include:

- » Being taught to fully surrender one's life to Jesus on a daily basis so that one can become more like Him and naturally influence others to become Christ followers
- » Practical ways to pray for, love, and serve outsiders
- » Learning ways to genuinely **connect** with outsiders in loving relationships
- » Learning how to use questions to naturally steer conversations toward spiritual or gospel conversations
- » Writing out and memorizing one's personal testimony
- » Learning a simple gospel presentation that is easy to remember
- » Learning a simple way to follow-up a new believer
- » Developing the ongoing habit of reporting to a designated church email address or on a church form all interactions of *caring*, *connecting*, *conversing*, or *continuing* with outsiders or new converts



All for One Evangelism Training All for One Schedule/Format

Beginning Time _____

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	Evangelism Training will offer multiple opportunities for learning the o all or most of the following things every week.		
Teach It	estructor/trainer teaches and facilitates new material each week and, ccasionally, teaches important skills in "Witnessing Essentials."		
Watch/See It	Instructor/trainer plays a video from or shows information from the all41life.org website.		
Study/Do It	Trainees complete the assigned homework studies for the week.		
Memorize It	Trainees review and memorize the L.O.R.D. Gospel presentation with verses and their Personal Salvation Testimony.		
Say/Discuss It	Trainees quote and/or review the assigned materials they are learning with the small group trainer or triad huddle trainer.		
Write/ Download It	Trainees enter All41 strategies, methods, questions, and more on their mobile devices so that they can regularly refer to them and thereby grow to develop a lifestyle of evangelism.		
Report It	Briefly report to the designated church email address or on a church form all your interactions of <i>caring, connecting, conversing, or continuing</i> with outsiders or new converts.		
Explain It	Instructor/trainer briefly explains the homework assignment for the next week.		
Notice It	Trainees are assigned to lovingly see people the way Jesus sees them and seize opportunities to love and share with them.		

In addition to the *All for One* curriculum, there is the **www.all41life.org** website which refers to books, online ministries, videos, etc., that will help equip believers to walk in wisdom toward outsiders. The website will be updated often with the latest lifestyle evangelism resources.

Ending Time _____



Expectations of All Participants

- » Attend all sessions of the semester.
- » Complete all Homework study assignments.
- » Learn to be empowered by Christ to develop a lifestyle to care about, connect with, and converse with lost people.
- » Learn to present their salvation testimony in 2-3 minutes.
- » Learn to communicate the L.O.R.D. Presentation in a confident, conversational manner.

Teach It » Christ-Centered

By far, the most important decision that any person can make is to repent of their sins and trust Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. When that occurs they are forgiven of all their past, present, and future sins and they enter into a permanent and eternal relationship with God that is to be enjoyed now and for all eternity. But many believers wrongly think that receiving the forgiveness of their sins is all that God is up to in their lives. Christ is their Savior but He should also be their Lord, Master, and Boss. Lordship is the key to consistently living as a fully devoted follower of Jesus and being able to be wise in the way we act toward outsiders.

The Bible clearly teaches us that when we are forgiven and saved that God the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in us. Sometimes the scriptures also teach that Christ dwells in us. Christ centered living and Spirit filled living are synonymous.

"The greatest need of the church today: to be filled with the Holy Spirit— to work in Him and have Him work through us."

- A. W. Tozer

Romans 8:9 | What does this verse teach us about the presence of the Spirit of God?

Even though every believer in Jesus is indwelt by God the Holy Spirit, not every believer is empowered by God the Holy Spirit. The distinction is found in that a believer is indwelt by the Spirit when he is saved and that reality never changes. However, believers are only supernaturally empowered by the same Spirit to live for God's glory and purpose when they fully submit to the Lord's rule and Lordship in their lives and ask the Lord to live the Christian life through them.

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Sessions 1 and 2 will exhort a believer to ...

- » Fully submit his life to the Lordship of Christ
- » Invite God the Holy Spirit to empower him daily for supernatural, obedient living

Acts 1:8, Acts 4:31 | What is one of the purposes of the Holy Spirit living in the life of a believer?

The Difficulty of Christ-Centered Living

We must understand the difficulty we all have in living for the Lord.

Galatians 5:16-18, 19-23 | How is the Christian life described in verses 16-17?

Galatians 5:19-23 | Contrast the acts of living in the flesh (our self-centered agenda) with living a life under the control of God the Holy Spirit?

Romans 7:15-18 | These verses describe the spiritual struggles that even the great Apostle Paul experienced. Write them down here.

Teach It » Witnessing Essentials » L.O.R.D. Gospel Presentation

Under the **Teach It** statement on page 10 of Session 1, it is stated that the class instructor/trainer will occasionally teach important skills in "Witnessing Essentials." These witnessing essentials are:

» L.O.R.D. Gospel Presentation

» Sharing Your Salvation Testimony

There are many wonderful gospel presentations that are available for a believer to use to share with an outsider. However, most of them are somewhat lengthy and complex and therefore are easy for a witnessing believer to forget when they no longer participate in the evangelism training that they learned the presentation at. For this reason, the L.O.R.D. Presentation was developed. It is biblical, thorough, and yet simple so that witnessing believers can easily know it, remember it, and share it throughout their life.

OPTION » Choose another simple, biblical gospel presentation to use— 3 Circles, etc.



L.O.R.D. Gospel Presentation

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D	is for Acts 20:21 I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in

Leading to A Commitment

Commitment Clarification

- » Does what we have been discussing make sense to you?
- » Would you like to call on the Lord to forgive you of your sins?

Pray Together

» Lead them in a sinner's prayer, phrase by phrase.

SAMPLE PRAYER »

Dear Lord, I believe that You love me and want me to personally know You. | But I also understand that I am a sinner and as a result, I am separated from You and Your love. | I do not trust in my good works to save me from my sin. | I change my mind about who you are | and I believe with all my heart that your Son, Jesus | died on the cross to pay the penalty for my sins so that I can be forgiven. | I believe that Jesus rose from the dead, | and I ask You to save me and help me to live for Your glory. Amen.

» Pray for them and their assurance of salvation.

Say/Discuss It

Review the above L.O.R.D. outline with your small group trainer or triad huddle trainer until it is learned. Also, review the Bible references and verses.

Explain It » Homework Assignments

Watch It »

Watch and listen to the Basic LORD Presentation two times this week by going to **all41life.org** and clicking on the *Videos* tab at the top of the home page. Strive to learn the presentation by the end of Session 6.

Memorize It »

- » John 3:16a | For God so loved the world...
- » Romans 3:23 | For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- » Romans 6:23a | For the wages of sin is death...

Notice It »

Ask the Lord to enable you to lovingly see people the way He sees them and consider ways to show acts of kindness to them.

Study/Do It »

- » Re-read the second paragraph on page 8 and begin to earnestly ask the Lord to burden you for the **One** person who He wants you to love and influence for Christ.
- » Compete the below study on being Christ-Centered or Spirit-Empowered before the next training session.

Study/Do It » Christ-Centered/Spirit-Filled Living

Ephesians 5:18, Galatians 5:16–17 | What are we commanded to do? What are we actually doing if we ignore these commands?

Luke 9:23, 14:26–27 | What relationship(s) or interests can come before our commitment to Christ?

James 4:6 | What is another major hindrance?

Pride is an attitude that a believer embraces that results in him believing that he can handle all of life or certain areas of his life without God's help.

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James 4:4 and 1 John 2:15-17 | What is one more hindrance to Spirit-empowered living?

Loving the world means that we adopt the values and ways of our society and culture. Some of these values are very evil and diametrically opposed to the things of God (sex-trafficking, drug abuse, racial injustice, sexual sin, etc.). Some of the values embraced by our society are considered acceptable and yet they are in opposition to God's ways (materialism, selfishness, wastefulness, independence). Yet some of these values can be good things that keep us from the very best that God has in store for us if we prioritize them over our Lord. (i.e., exercise, wholesome entertainment, work, family, etc.).

Matthew 6:14–15 | What common sin will hinder God's powerful work in us?

Acts 5:1–11 | What did this couple do that can be an example for us to avoid?



Session 2

Christ-Centered » L.O.R.D. Presentation

Say/Discuss It »

- » Have each trainee share about the keys to Christ-Centered living (see pages 11–12).
- » Have each trainee share about the real-life implications of putting Christ first in their life from Luke 9:23, 14:26–27.
- » Review the three memory verses from page 14.
- » Ask each trainee to share about who their **One** person is that the Lord wants them to influence for Christ (see page 8).
- » Ask trainees to share about their efforts to lovingly see people the way Jesus sees them from the **Notice It** homework assignment.

Teach It » Christ-Centered » Part 2

The Difference that Christ-Centered Living Makes

Be assured that no believer can fully live a life pleasing to God in his or her own strength. We desperately need God's daily grace and power to help us. God's children need to submit to God as Lord and ruler of their lives. He deserves their submission and only when they do so will He supernaturally empower them to live for His glory.

John 15:1-13 | According to the last part of verse 5, what are we able to do without God's (Jesus') help?

John 15:1-13 | According to these verses, what are we able to do if we abide in (remain in, dwell in, stay connected with and dependent on) Jesus?

Luke 22:54-62 | Prior to the Apostle Peter being empowered by the Holy Spirit, what did He do?

John 21:1–17 | Even though Peter recently denied Jesus three times, Jesus still did what to Peter, according to verses 15–17? Why do you think Jesus did this?

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Acts 2:14, 22–24, 40-41 After Peter was empowered by the Holy Spirit, what did he do?

In your Session 1 homework assignment, you studied some common hindrances to Spirit-filled living. Another major hindrance to being Spirit empowered is secret sins. Secret sins can include sins of thought and attitude as well as actions (jealousy, prejudice, hatred, lust, alcohol abuse, fornication, adultery, etc.). Sexual sin is so prevalent in our society that it must be addressed (thought life, lust, pornography) because of its

» Availability

» Affordability

» Anonymity

Go to the *Christ-Centered* section of all41life.org to learn about how to live porn-free through Covenant Eyes internet accountability.

Every believer needs to find a trusted friend that they can honestly talk to and confess to about any struggles or bondage they have in any of these areas. It is important to understand that believers are not required to experience victory over these secret sins before they can be Spirit-filled. However, they must earnestly plead with the Lord to fill and empower them and then free them from these besetting sins.

"It is our wretched habit of tolerating sin that keeps us in our half-dead condition." —A. W. Tozer

James 5:16 | What are we commanded to do so that we can be healed (physically but also spiritually and emotionally)? What occurs if we fail to do this?

What Is Required For A Believer To Be Continually Spirit-Empowered?

1. Desire » Matthew 22:37–40, Psalm 63:1–2, Matthew 5:6, Philippians 3:7–8 What must your greatest desire be if Christ is to be first/Lord in your life?

"Before we can be filled with the Spirit, the desire to be filled must be all-consuming.

The degree of fullness accords perfectly with

the intensity of true desire."—A. W. Tozer

REFLECTION » Each group or huddle member should spend five minues in personal solitude and reflect on the above Tozer quote and ask the Lord to greatly increase their desire for Him and His name to be glorified through them.

2	. Submission »	Matthew 6:33, Luke 9:23, Galatians 2:20	
	According to th	se verses, what does it mean to submit to His Lordship over your life'	?

Luke 14:26–33 | According to verses 28-32, what must a person do prior to fully submitting their life to God?

REFLECTION »

Each group or huddle member should spend five minutes in personal solitude, evaluating the below categories of his/her life, asking the Lord to help him put Him first before everyone and everything else. These areas or relationships include:

- » Personal Time/Hobbies » Work/Career » Marriage/Kids » Health
- » Finances/Giving » Church/Serving » Future » Significance

Which above area(s) are most difficult for you to submit to Christ? Ask the Lord to help you to fully submit every area of your life to His Lordship.

Ephesians 5:18 | What are believers commanded to do according to this verse?

To be filled with the Spirit means to live <u>continuously under the influence and control</u> (not of wine), but of <u>God the Holy Spirit</u>. This occurs when one surrenders all of his life to the leadership of God and asks the Lord to take absolute control of his life so that God can receive much glory through him.

The *Christ-Centered/Spirit-Filled Life* sessions have been inspired by Dr. Bill Bright's *The Christian & The Holy Spirit Step #3* of the 10 Basic Steps Toward Christian Maturity series by CRU. Step #3 is highly recommended because it helps believers understand the person and work of the Holy Spirit and it helps them to experience the continual filling of the Holy Spirit. Go to the *Christ-Centered* section at all41life.org to learn more.



Say/Discuss It » Witnessing Essentials

L.O.R.D. Gospel Presentation Review

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	on our behalf, so that we might become the of God in Him.
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	Acts 20:21 I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in

Say/Discuss It »

- » Review the above L.O.R.D. outline (with the Bible verse references) with your trainer until it is learned.
- » Quote John 3:16a, Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23a to them.

Watch It »

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Explain It » Homework Assignments

Watch It »

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Memorize It »

REVIEW » John 3:16a; Romans 3:23, 6:23a (Page 14 of All for One)

MEMORIZE » Romans 5:8 | But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

OPTION » 2 Corinthians 5:21 | He (God) made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Notice It »

Ask the Lord to continue to enable you to lovingly see people the way He sees them and show at least one act of kindness to someone this week.

Study/Do It »

- » Re-read the second paragraph on page 8 and begin to earnestly ask the Lord to burden you for the **One** person who He wants you to love and influence for Christ.
- » Complete the study below on being Christ-Centered or Spirit-empowered before the next training session.

Study/Do It » Christ-Centered/Spirit-Filled Living

How can you express your submission to God so that the Holy Spirit can supernaturally empower you? Luke 11:5-13, 1 John 5:14-15

Matthew 15:21-28, Matthew 17:20-21

To assist you in the habit of being continually filled with the Holy Spirit, every morning, please sincerely and earnestly pray a prayer similar to the example provided.

SUGGESTED PRAYER »

Dear Lord, thank you for forgiving me and saving me. Thank you that my relationship with you is permanent and secure. I deeply want to love you and know you very personally. I want you to take charge of every area of my life and I surrender control of my life to you. I empty myself of my desires and agenda and invite the Holy Spirit to continually fill every part of my life and empower me to

live like Jesus today. Enable me to lovingly see people the way you do and seize opportunities to love them and witness to them. Thank you for filling me, in Jesus name, Amen.

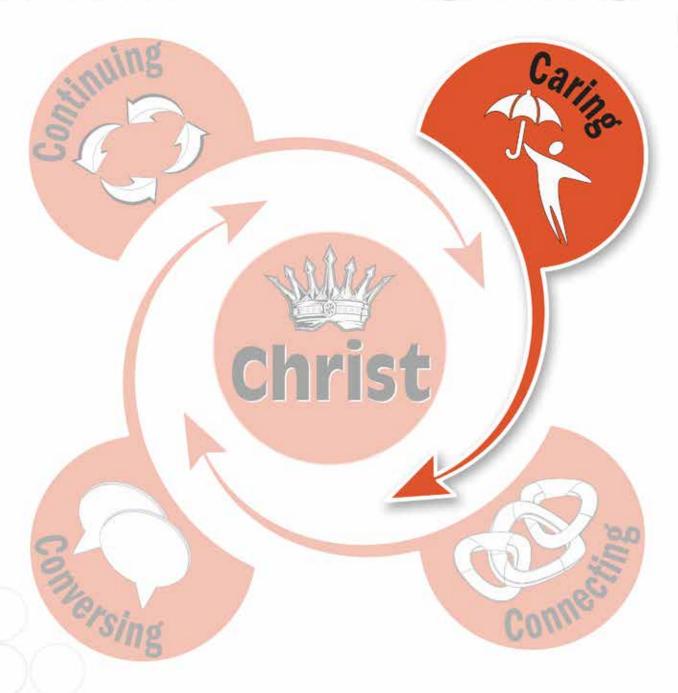
Being continually filled with Christ also includes the spiritual disciplines:

Worshiping the Lord » John 4:24			
» Loving/Obeying the Bible			
John 8:31-32 What is the promised result of knowing and obeying the truth of God's Word?			
James 1:22 What is the result of only hearing the word and not obeying it?			
During the Teach It part of this session, we learned that every believer is commanded to be continuously filled with the Spirit.			
Colossians 3:16 What else is every believer commanded to be filled with?			
A believer cannot be continuously filled with the Spirit if he is not serious about also being filled with the Word of Christ. For this reason, starting in the Session 3 Homework there will be a daily Bible reading assignment so that a Bible intake habit can be developed while participating in All for One .			
» Earnest Prayer			
John 15:7, Matthew 7:7-11 What is the connection between prayer and abiding (remaining) in Christ and His Word?			
» Loving Others/Church			
John 13:34-35, Mark 10:42-45, Hebrews 10:24-25 What do these verses stress about a Christ centered disciple regarding the church?			

» Sharing Christ

Matthew 4:19 What will Christ do in our life if we truly follow Him? If we are not fishing for men, are we really following Jesus?
Acts 4:1-13 Peter and John were arrested and questioned for proclaiming Jesus. According to verses 8-13, what happened after Peter was filled with the Spirit?
Acts 8:26-38 According to verse 29, what did the Holy Spirit lead Philip to do?
According to verse 35, what else did the Holy Spirit lead Philip to do?

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Gospel Conversations at Home at Work at Play

Session 3

Caring

Say/Discuss It

- » Each trainer should ask his trainees to discuss the keys to Spirit-Empowered living. Talk about how to build the habit of Christ-Centered living. Emphasize the need for each trainee to daily ask the Lord to continually fill them with the Holy Spirit (refer to the suggested prayer on page 20) and prepare them to see opportunities to love and witness to outsiders.
- » Review memory verses from pages 14 and 20.
- » Ask each trainee to share about who their "One" person is that the Lord wants them to influence for Christ.
- » Ask trainees to share their experience in showing an act of kindness to someone.

Teach It » Caring

How Can Believers Live In Wisdom Toward Outsiders?

All for One stresses five essentials.

Christ-Centered (continually empowered and led by Christ)

Caring about outsiders

Connecting with outsiders

Conversing with outsiders

Continuing with Christ and others

Caring and **Connecting** are closely linked together. **Caring** focuses more on the heart of a believer while **Connecting** involves the actions a believer takes because his heart is being filled with compassion. As we grow to genuinely care about outsiders then we will naturally want to connect with them as much as possible.

The key to practicing a lifestyle of evangelism is to be continually empowered and led by Christ. As His abiding presence is more consistently experienced a believer will naturally begin to become more like Jesus and behave more like Jesus. This will result in him seeing lost people the way Jesus sees them, deeply **caring** about them, and "seeking to save the lost" like Jesus did (Luke 19:10).

Caring as a Result of Praying

Caring for outsiders begins with and is sustained through prayer. Colossians 4:5-6 tells us to "Walk in wisdom toward outsiders..." The best way to do this is to be filled with Christ and to obey Colossians 4:2, which states, "Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving." Prayer and evangelism are closely related. Prayer starts with us as believers getting our lives in tune with the Lord by:



» Listening to The Lord
Psalm 1:39:23–24 me, O God, and know my heart; me and know my
anxious thoughts. See if there is any way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
 Confessing Our Sins John 1:9 Lord, forgive me for not caring about outsiders and change me.
» Repenting of Our Sins
2 Chronicles 7:14 shall themselves and pray, and seek My face, and from their wicked ways, then
Earnest and consistent prayer will cause us to see our sins and repent of them. Then the Lord will change us to genuinely care about outsiders and about obeying His will.
Matthew 9:36 When He saw the crowds, He had on them
Matthew 6:10 What did Jesus teach His followers to pray?
" be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.
What is the Kingdom of God? How should praying this prayer affect us personally?
Just before going to the cross, Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:42),
"Not will, but will be done." Again, what was He communicating?
1 Timothy 2:1-6, 8 According to verses 1-2, and 8 what does the Lord want each believer to do? Write down the intended result of this action that is mentioned in verse 4.

"The secret to success in prayer: Make your wants, God's wants (Psalm 37:4). Then ask for whatever you want (John 15:7)."

—David Platt (Twitter)

Jesus taught in Matthew 4:19, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." The prerequisite to fishing for lost people is to follow Jesus. However, we cannot closely and consistently follow Him unless we are submitting to and listening to Him through prayer throughout the day. Prayer therefore involves us daily and continually submitting to God's kingdom will for our lives personally.

Believers should not be just checking a legalistic "box" indicating that they have prayed. Instead prayer involves daily spending time with God in His Word so that we will grow to be more like Jesus and, thereby, allow Him to empower us and use us to influence others throughout the day.

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In Colossians 4:3-4, Paul went on to write, ³ "At the same time, pray also for us that God may open a door to us for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains, ⁴so that I may make it known as I should." He asked the church to pray for him to experience open doors for the preaching of the gospel. God invites believers through prayer to be involved in the spreading of the gospel through others. The word "also" in verse 3 emphasizes that they were to pray for open doors for themselves and "also" for Paul. Believers should dialogue with the Lord throughout the day so that He can show them who the **one** is that He wants them to interact with at any given time. The **one** may be a stranger who they are to have a brief interaction with or the **one** may be an acquaintance, friend, or relative who they are to converse with.

Finally, Christians should pray by name for neighbors, co-workers, relatives, and others they know, to be saved and to grow as fully devoted followers of Christ. They should ask the Lord to bring godly Christ-followers into their lives to influence them to be saved. Also, they should regularly ask the Lord to show them how He might use them to reach these people with the gospel message. All of this involves intentionality, and one of the best ways to do this is with a paper or online daily prayer list that includes praying for lost people. Great resources for caring about and praying for outsiders can be found by going to the *Caring* section of the all41life.org website. When believers pray daily for lost acquaintances and friends then the Lord will first of all change them. They will begin to deeply care about outsiders, love them, serve them, and listen to them. They will discover that the Lord will give them opportunities to personally engage with them and share with them. It all begins with and is sustained through earnest prayer.

Caring Like Jesus Cared

Jesus clearly stated in the second part of the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:39) that all believers are to "love your neighbor as yourself". This means that they are to pursue a close relationship with lost people and pray that God might use them to influence outsiders to follow Christ. For way too long believers have been so busy attending church services or events that they have not been able to intentionally focus on outsiders. They have usually been encouraged to avoid outsiders so that they might not fall into sinful lifestyles. The only deliberate interactions with outsiders were to be to occasionally approach them to invite them to an evangelistic program or church event.

Certainly followers of Christ must guard their lives from harmful relationships but believers cannot be the salt and light that Jesus commanded them to be while they are isolated within the walls of their safe churches or homes. They must genuinely love their lost acquaintances and friends, care about them, listen to them, and get to know them even if they have no spiritual interests.

Caring about outsiders is easier said than done. Some outsiders are very different than what we are used to in our sheltered church culture. Some look different than us, sound different than us, and like things different than us. Some are vulgar and some are moral. Most of them enjoy alcoholic beverages every now and then or even very often. Some are happily married, some are divorced and some are living together while unmarried. Some take great care of their homes and yards and some

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neglect their houses and yards. Some are enjoying life and some are struggling in life, and on and on it goes. In other words, outsiders are just regular people with real issues in a broken world, just like us. Except they haven't been rescued through the power of the gospel.

Matthew 9:36-38 How does Jesus describe people away from God?		
Certainly, one of the reasons Jesus cared so much about people is that He understood their incredible value. Every person, no matter who they are or what they look like is very important to God and therefore should also be to us. No one should be overlooked, especially the marginalized and hurting		
Genesis 1:26–28, 31 Why are all people important to God? What does it mean to be created in God's image?		
Luke 15:1–10 What is the significance of what the Jewish leaders said about Jesus in verse 2? Why did the shepherd and woman search for what was lost?		
Read the below verses and describe how Jesus treated people or how He taught His followers to treat others.		
Luke 5:12–13 Lepers		
Luke 6:27–28 Enemies, those who hate you		
Luke 10:29–37 According to verses 33–35, what specific things did the Samaritan do for the beater man?		
Luke 18:15–17 Little children		

Luke 18:35–43 | Blind beggar

Luke 19:1–/ Tax collector
Since Jesus loved people like this then we ought to do the same regardless of who they are or how they treat us.
Caring Because of Eternal Realities
If life only consisted of the three score and ten years that one lives on this earth, then the call to care for outsiders would not be as urgent. Certainly it is very sad when a person experiences an empty and unfulfilled existence for the course of a lifetime. However, when we understand the biblical realities of eternity, and that everyone will spend eternity in either Heaven or Hell, then one understands that caring for outsiders is an urgent need.
John 3:36 What is the eternal status for the person who does not believe on Jesus?
Jesus told a specific story about a rich man and a poor man named Lazarus. They both died and Lazarus went to Abraham's side (eternal reward) and the rich man went to Hades (eternal suffering). Luke 16:19-24 Describe the rich man's experience according to vv. 23–24.
2 Thessalonians 1:5–10 How does the Apostle Paul describe the experience of unbelievers after they die?
Revelation 21:7–8 What is the description of the experience of the lost according to these verses?

Say/Discuss It » Witnessing Essentials

L.O.R.D. Gospel Presentation Review

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	Romans 3:23 For have	e sinned and fall short of the glory	of God.
	Romans 6:23a For the	(what is earned) of sin is	(separation).
R	for us. OPTION » 2 Corinthians 5:21 F	His love for us in that while we wer	ew no sin to be on
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		both Jews and Greeks that they r	must turn to God in
	renentance and h	ave faith in our Lord Jesus	

Say/Discuss It

Quote the above L.O.R.D. outline (including the Bible verses) with your trainer.

Explain It » Homework Assignments

Watch It »

Continue to watch and listen to the Basic LORD Presentation at all41life.org twice this week.

Memorize It »

REVIEW » John 3:16a; Romans 3:23, 6:23a, 5:8, (Pages 14, 20 of **All for One**)

OPTION » 2 Corinthians 5:21

MEMORIZE » Acts 20:21 | I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

Write/Download It » Do the below:

- » Sign up on www.blesseveryhome.com to pray daily for your neighbors or sign up on another online prayer ministry that is shown in the *Caring* Section of all41life.org.
- » Or record the names of unsaved neighbors, co-workers, friends, and relatives you know on a paper prayer list.
- » Record the names of other lost people you know in the Notes section of your mobile phone.

Report It »

Briefly report to the designated church email address or on a church form all your interactions of *caring, connecting, conversing, or continuing* with outsiders or new converts.

Study/Do It »

- » Begin praying daily for the lost people you know to be saved.
- » Be prepared to share your online or paper prayer list with your trainer at the beginning of Session 4.
- Read one chapter per weekday in the Gospel of Mark (chapters 1-5) and record one insight that stands out to you from each chapter.
 Read the following passages and describe how Jesus and others treated these women.
 John 4:4–42 | A woman who had been married five times

John 8:1–11 | A woman caught in the act of adultery

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Gospel Conversations at Home at Work at Play



Session 4

Connecting

Say/Discuss It

- » Each trainer should ask his trainees to discuss how Jesus treated the women mentioned in John 4 and John 8 on page 30.
- » Ask trainees to share with their group or huddle their online or paper prayer list and how praying for their outsiders is changing their attitudes toward them.
- » Have each trainee share with their other trainees at least two insights from reading chapters 1–5 in the Gospel of Mark.
- » Review memory verses from pages 14, 20 and 29.
- » Emphasize the need for each trainee to daily ask the Lord to continually fill them with the Holy Spirit (see the suggested prayer on page 20) and prepare them to see opportunities to love and witness to outsiders.

Teach It » Connecting

How Can Believers Live In Wisdom Toward Outsiders?

All for One stresses five essentials.

Christ-Centered (continually empowered and led by Christ)

Caring about outsiders

Connecting with outsiders

Conversing with outsiders

Continuing with Christ and others

Always remember that the key to practicing a lifestyle of evangelism is to be **continually empowered and led by Christ.** As we walk intimately with Christ, pray for Him to lead us, and pray for lost people then our view of outsiders will drastically change. Their language, their habits, their beverages, their hobbies ... none of these will keep us from pursuing ways to show Jesus to them and attempt to eventually share Jesus with them.

Connecting with outsiders who have never come to our churches has always been the right thing to do, but for many years churches have focused most of their evangelism efforts on visiting those who have visited their church. This is a good but limited strategy because church visitors are only a very, very small percentage of the overall people in our community. Our focus needs to be on training our members to reach the <u>many</u> who have not visited or might not ever visit our churches.

All for One Connecting

According to Colossians 4:5, *connecting* involves "making the most of the time." This phrase literally means to "seize opportunities or seize the opportune time". God opens doors of opportunity for us to step into the lives of outsiders to love them and influence them. It usually happens gradually over a period of time and it is the believers job to act on or seize these opportunities. A great book that can help a pastor lead his members to seize opportunities with outsiders is *The Art of Neighboring* by Runyon and Pathak. The book stresses the biblical command to be a good neighbor (it also applies to other relationships) and gives great ideas to help believers intentionally get to know and enjoy their neighbors and possibly have spiritual and gospel conversations with them.

Another great resource is the book, <u>The Nine Arts of Spiritual Conversations</u> by Schaller and Crilly. This book has influenced much of what is included in this **Connecting** section and it can be used to train believers to ...

- » Notice people
- » Pray for them
- » Listen to them

- » Serve people
- » Ask them questions
- » Share the gospel ... and more

Go to the **Connecting** Section of the **all41life.org** website to learn more about <u>The Art of Neighboring</u>, <u>The Nine Arts of Spiritual Conversations</u>, and other recommended resources for **connecting**.

What are some good biblical principles for a *Connecting* strategy for churches that want to impact their communities with the gospel? As was stated in Session 3, *Caring* touches the heart of the believer and *Connecting* focuses on the actions of the believer. Let's look at some biblical actions we need to take to "live in wisdom with outsiders..."

Look for a Partner »

The first step in beginning to connect with unchurched people is to prayerfully attempt to partner with other godly believers.

Luke 10:1 | Why do you think that Jesus sent His disciples out two by two?

Just as Jesus sent his disciples out two by two so we should strive to partner with a saved co-worker or neighbor so that we can more effectively connect and share with outsiders. These partners need to be strong followers of Jesus and they do not have to attend the same church that we attend.

How do you find a potential *Connecting* partner(s)? Of course we should ask the Lord daily for His direction in this matter. It is best for *All for One* churches to develop a map of where their active members live so that *All for One* participants can identify any members who are their neighbors. There have at times been online ministries that can assist a church in doing this also. Go to www. all41life.org and scroll down to the *Connecting* Section to learn about this.

If you do find a *Connecting* partner, then you should meet with him or her a few times to pray and strategize on ways to connect with mutual acquaintances at work or in the neighborhood. Continue to



meet periodically to inspire each other to be caring connectors with people. Even if the Lord doesn't bless you with a great partner you should still commit to *caring* about and *connecting* with outsiders that you know.

Start at Work »

Because most adults work outside their homes today, it is best to promptly start *connecting* at work. Many believers spend 40 hours or more in their work environment and therefore the opportunities to begin to promptly connect there are abundant.

In contrast, many Christ followers don't know their neighbors very well because of the busyness of life. We must begin to connect with neighbors but that may take some time. Therefore, the best immediate strategy is to focus at work where the most established relationships already exist.

Work environments differ greatly. Some employees only get 30 minutes for lunch and no breaks. Some have an hour for lunch and 15 minute breaks. It is always best to work hard during the work hours and connect during breaks and lunch times. We must not fall into habits that separate us from the unchurched such as eating by ourselves or doing our devotions during lunch.

Occasionally, go out with a group of co-workers after work. Do your best to relate to them even if it gets uncomfortable. Initiate opportunities to go to break time or lunch one on one with employees of the same sex that you enjoy being with. If a good friendship develops then do this regularly. Group connections are fine but deeper connections occur in one on one settings. See the **Be Creative** section in this session for additional ideas on how to connect with co-workers.

Take the Initiative »

Our society is becoming less and less social. Many people push their remote garage door openers, drive their cars into their garage, and then close the door without having to even wave at a neighbor. Many supposedly connect on social media, but spend little time in face-to-face interactions. Lots of employees at work keep to themselves and just do their jobs. As followers of Christ, we must take the initiative and reach out to others. We must pursue relationships by being friendly. The apologist, Ravi Zacharias has quoted an old Indian proverb. "Once you've cut off a person's nose, there's no point in giving him a rose to smell." Friendly believers will have a greater positive influence on outsiders than self-righteous Christians who avoid the lost.

Proverbs 18:24a "A man who has friends must himself be friendly." | What is required for a believer to develop friendships with someone?

We must constantly examine our hearts to make sure that we are not viewing outsiders as projects rather than people created in the image of God. We must genuinely love and connect with lost people so that they know that we sincerely care about them. Then doors will often open up for spiritual and gospel conversations that they are interested in having with us.



Meeting our neighbors is the first step in being friendly. When you see a neighbor in their yard then go over and introduce yourself to them and talk to them. At a later time, knock on their door and invite them to breakfast or to your home for dinner.

Be Attentive »

The Lord brings people into our lives for a purpose, but it is so easy for us to overlook many people because of our busy schedules and task lists. We must learn to see people the way that Jesus sees them. Jesus came to save all people but He especially focused on the downcast and hurting, those who were like sheep without a shepherd. Learn to notice people at school, work, or in your neighborhood who are withdrawing or are quieter than usual. Reach out to them and invite them to share a cup of coffee or a meal with you.

Notice and welcome new people to the work place or new move-ins to your neighborhood. If someone has a baby at work or near your home, then bring them a gift. If they've had a recent surgery, then bring them a meal and give them a card indicating that you're praying for them. If someone has hung a sports team banner in front of their home indicating that they root for that team, then initiate a conversation with them about that sport and team.

Use Hospitality »

One common interest that all people have is food. We have to eat to live but some people live to eat. One of the best ways to connect with lost neighbors or co-workers is by inviting a few individuals or couples to one's home to enjoy a simple, yet tasty meal. Eating together is a great first step toward getting to know one's neighbors or co-workers.

Ask Great Questions and Listen »

One of the keys to *connecting* with others is asking good open-ended questions and then carefully listening to their answers. The better we know them the easier it is to relate to them. Since most people enjoy talking about themselves, it is wise to inquire about a friend's personal interests or family background. Through asking the right questions one can effectively steer conversations toward spiritual and gospel conversations. This will be more thoroughly discussed in the *Conversing* section in Session 5 and Session 6.

According to the following verses, what are some principles of effective communication?

James 1:19

Proverbs 10:19

There are different categories of questions that can be used to initiate and deepen friendships. Garry Poole's book, *The Complete Book of Questions* is strongly recommended as a great resource of good questions to ask. Below are some great "lighter" or "interests" questions that are helpful for



Connecting. Copy these questions and other questions in the **Conversing** section in Session 6 into the Notes section of your mobile phone so you can refer to them prior to talking to someone. Make sure that you naturally insert these questions into conversations and that you listen intently to the answers. Go to the **Connecting** Section of the **all41life.org** website to learn about <u>The Complete Book of Questions</u> and other resources.

Lighter or Interests Questions

- 1. "What are some of your hobbies?"
- 2. "When you are not at work, what do you like to do?"
- 3. "What is something fun you enjoy doing or would like to do?
- 4. "Where did you grow up and what was that like?"
- 5. "What was important in your family?"
- 6. "Where did you go to college (if they attended) and what was that like?"
- 7. "How did you meet your spouse?"
- 8. "Where else have you worked?"

Develop A Social Hobby »

One of the best ways to connect with outsiders from work or the neighborhood is to invite them to join you in an ongoing hobby. If you do not have a social hobby then prayerfully consider starting one and using it to build genuine relationships with others.

You could play golf, tennis, or racquetball with one or more co-workers or neighbors. You could ride bikes, walk, go fishing, go bowling— even join a bowling league, or workout at the gym together. You could golf early Saturday mornings with co-workers or neighbors. You could play tennis with co-workers immediately after work one evening per week. You could play racquetball early in the morning before work.

Other great social hobbies that any person can develop are playing bridge or board games, playing dominoes, playing video games, or even seasonally watching a popular TV series together.

Serve Others »

In a hedonistic society that is selfishly focused on our own personal happiness, serving and putting others first stands out in stark contrast.

Mark 10:42-45 | What did Jesus teach is one of the keys to true greatness and what would that look like at your workplace or in your neighborhood?

Look for simple and practical ways to serve your co-workers and neighbors.



Be Creative »

There are numerous interests that people have and as followers of Christ we must strive to develop deeper relationships with outsiders through relating to them in their areas of interest.

1 Corinthians 9:19-22 | Based on Paul's example, what should we do to relate to outsiders?

Paul was born and raised as a faithful Jew and yet he made it his goal to also relate to Gentiles for the cause of Christ. We also should willingly lay aside our preferences, and through praying and interacting with other godly believers, we will discover ways for us to connect with outsiders in order that we might do life with them. We should never compromise biblical convictions in doing this but we should expand our interests so that we can enjoy and share with people.

» Creative Ways To Connect In Public Places

- » Go to the same public places (coffee shops, grocery stores, restaurants, etc.) with the intent to notice and connect with employees who work at those places. If you do "connect" with a particular employee, then interact with them whenever you visit their workplace and even intentionally ask for them whenever you eat at their restaurant.
- » Go to the same public places with the intent to notice and connect with customers who consistently go to these places. This works particularly well in gyms and coffee shops.

» Creative Ways To Connect At Work

Work with your supervisor to use the holidays and special days to attempt to build relationships amongst co-workers. Some ideas are:

- » Start a Fantasy Football League with co-workers.
- » Ask employees to predict the score of the Super Bowl on the week before the game. Then your department can go out to lunch on the Monday after the game and the company could pay for the winner's lunch.
- » Recruit employees to participate in a NCAA Basketball pool for March Madness.
- » Have quarterly lunches to celebrate the birthdays of employees who were born during the previous three months of the year. Get everyone to sign a birthday card.
- » Celebrate Christmas by having a \$10-or-under White Elephant Gift Exchange and then eating lunch together.

» Creative Ways To Connect In Your Neighborhood

» Invite 1-3 neighborhood couples over for dinner and play some games. (If you have children under the age of 10, strive to connect with the parents of their neighborhood friends.)



- » Coordinate with 1-2 neighbors to sign up their kids to play on the same sports teams as your kids.
- » Host a sports playoff game party for a group of neighbors.
- » Partner with another couple or two to host a neighborhood block party with food, outdoor games (horseshoes, corn hole, egg toss, water balloon toss, H.O.R.S.E.), swimming pool games, etc.
- » After friendships are developed then invite families over for quarterly Potluck group gatherings Fifth Fridays.
- » After friendships are developed then use Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas holidays to bless neighbors with goody baskets or cards. Consider inserting a free Jesus Film Video in to an Easter or Christmas basket. (Free copies of the "Jesus Film" can be obtained through registering to pray for one's neighbors with the Bless Every Home online ministry).

Explain It » Homework Assignments

Watch It »

Watch and listen to the Extended LORD Presentation at www.all41life.org twice this week.

Memorize It »

REVIEW » John 3:16a; Romans 3:23, 6:23a, 5:8, Acts 20:21 (Pages 14, 20 and 29 of *All for One*).

OPTION » 2 Corinthians 5:21

MEMORIZE » Leading to A Commitment on Page 13.

Report It »

Briefly report to the designated church email address or on a church form all your interactions of *caring, connecting, conversing, or continuing* with outsiders or new converts.

Study/Do It »

- » Read one chapter per day in the Gospel of Mark (chapters 6-10) and record one insight that stands out to you from each chapter.
- » Pray daily for your lost neighbors, co-workers, friends.
- » Use one or more of the ideas from pages 37–38 or come up with your own ideas as to how the Lord would have you connect with your **One** (or if you work outside the home, with someone at work.) Commit to contact this person and connect with them, as led by the Lord, in the next week.
- » Complete the Study/Do It on *Connecting* before the next training session.

Write/Download It »

Enter the Lighter or Interests Questions from page 36 into the Notes section of your smart phone so you can practice them and use them to connect with outsiders.

Study/Do It » Connecting
» Mark 2:1–12 Describe how four friends helped a paralyzed man.
» John 4:4-42 This passage was assigned in Session 3 homework to show how Jesus cared for the woman He met at a well. Re-read these verses, focus on vv. 28-30, 39-42 and record what this woman did as a friend for her fellow villagers.
» Luke 5:27-32 What did Levi (Matthew) do to connect his friends to Jesus and what was the response of the religious leaders of that day? What other insights do you see in this passage?
Read the verses from Proverbs and record some principles of effective communication.
Proverbs 12:18
Proverbs 12:25
Proverbs 15:23
Proverbs 16:24
Proverbs 18:13

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Gospel Conversations at Home at Work at Play



Session 5

Conversing

Say/Discuss It

- » Ask trainees to share with their team their experiences in **connecting** with their **One** (or if you work outside the home, with someone at work.) Ask one or two volunteers to briefly share their experiences with the entire group.
- » Verify that trainees have entered the Lighter or Interests Questions from page 36 into the Notes section of their smart phones and remind them that they should choose a few of these questions that they intend to use to connect with outsiders.
- » Give everyone time to write on a church form or send an email to a designated church email address indicating their interactions of caring and connecting with outsiders in the past week.
- » Have each trainee share with fellow trainees at least two insights from reading chapters 6-10 in the Gospel of Mark. They should also share about their homework assignment and discuss Mark 2 and Luke 5 from page 39 of Session 4.
- » Emphasize the need for each trainee to daily ask the Lord to continually fill them with the Holy Spirit (see the suggested prayer on page 20) and prepare them to see opportunities to love and witness to outsiders.

Teach It » Conversing

Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Your <u>speech</u> should always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person.

Colossians 4:5–6

This reminds us that when we have opportunities to interact with outsiders our communication must be gracious and edifying. It should add a kind of "flavor" or enhancement to what is being said.

We should habitually **care** about and **connect** with outsiders because it is in keeping with the Great Commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself." However, our desire should also include **conversing** with outsiders about spiritual things whenever the Holy Spirit gives us the opportunity to do so. The thought of **conversing** with lost people makes many believers very uncomfortable.

Small Steps » Church Invitations

The goal for every disciple of Christ should be to become a lifestyle evangelist. However, it may be overwhelming for some to think about going from never sharing Christ to often sharing about Him. Therefore, it is suggested that some believers begin to take small steps in *Conversing*. A great first step is for a believer to make a habit of asking their lost friends on Mondays about what they did the



previous weekend. Then he can occasionally interject conversations about what he enjoyed at church over the weekend (a conference, service project in the community, etc.).

If church conversations are well received, then another small step could be taken. Studies indicate that there are a high percentage of people who would visit a church if a friend from that church invited them to attend. Even though **All for One** is designed to train believers to have spiritual and gospel conversations with outsiders, another benefit of this training is that believers who are reluctant to share the gospel can still care about, connect with, and invite their acquaintances and friends to church.

John 1:40-42, 45-46 | Which two Bible characters invited friends to meet Jesus and what was the result?

Be Patient »

We live in a results oriented culture and that mindset has negatively affected the church. As a result, many churches are more focused on Professions of Faith and baptism numbers than they are in seeing people genuinely saved and discipled. Numbers are important if they accurately represent sincere people who have been saved. Churches should continue to offer revival services and outreach events but they should also strive to equip their members to personally practice a lifestyle of evangelism that will result in many spiritual and gospel conversations and in seeing many come to faith in Christ. This sometimes takes time and we must continue to patiently care and then intentionally share.

1 Corinthians 3:5-/	What do the different roles of planting, watering, and growth teach us?

Steering Conversations »

The word "answer" or "respond" at the end of Colossians 4:6 (know how you should "answer" each person) does not mean that we are to be passive and quiet about spiritual things until an outsider asks us a question. No, according to the <u>Vines' Expository Dictionary</u> it can mean "'to begin to speak' but always where something has preceded, either <u>statement</u> or <u>act</u> to which the remarks refer." In certain Gospel passages "the speaker is replying to the <u>unspoken thought</u> or <u>feeling</u> of those addressed by him." In other words, we might be eating with a friend and he is unusually quiet or distant. Their <u>actions</u>, not their <u>words</u>, could prompt us to ask them, "You seem troubled, what's bothering you?" It is very biblical for us to "respond" to someone's words or actions by initiating spiritual conversations as the Holy Spirit leads us.

All for One Conversing

The reality is that **conversing** about spiritual things is difficult in our secular culture that focuses on everything but spiritual topics. How can one comfortably steer conversations beyond superficial and fun topics to deeper interactions? The two extremes are to say nothing about God and the gospel or to "hijack" casual conversations and force them toward the gospel. As emphasized in Session 4, the best place to begin conversing with outsiders is by asking great Lighter or Interest Questions and listening to their answers. In Session 6, we will be introducing Personal and Spiritual Questions to enable one to steer conversations toward the gospel. Using these good questions can, at some point, open the door for the sharing of one's salvation testimony.

Mark 5:19–20 | What did Jesus tell the man to do? What did the man actually do? What happened as a result?

John 4:4–42 | Jesus met a Samaritan woman at a well and offered to her the gift of eternal life. According to verses 28–30 and 39–42, what did the woman do after talking to Jesus and what was the result?

A believer's salvation testimony is the most effective way of transitioning conversations, with those you know, to the gospel. There are three parts to a personal testimony and one should be able to share it in 2-3 minutes.

Once you have memorized your testimony then you can use the following statement and question as a transition to your personal testimony.

"I believe you know that I go to church and that I have a strong faith in God. But I want you to know that I haven't always believed in Him like I do now. As your friend, may I briefly share with you how I came to personally trust in Him?

(If they give permission then share your testimony.)

A believer's salvation testimony is the most effective way of transitioning conversations, with those you know, to the gospel.

Teach It » Witnessing Essentials

Sharing your Salvation Testimony

Under the **Teach It** statement on page 10 of Session 1, it is stated that the class instructor/trainer will occasionally teach important skills in "**Witnessing Essentials.**" The final Witnessing Essential, *Sharing Your Salvation Testimony* will be taught today.



Salvation Testimony

There are three basic parts:

- 1. My Life Before Christ » Share your primary issue, if you had one (fear, emptiness, insecurity, etc.). If you were saved as a young child (<10 years of age), then the primary issue may not apply to you.
- 2. How I Came To Trust Christ As Lord And Savior
- 3. My Life After Christ » Share how He dealt with your primary issue and/or what other benefits you have experienced because of your conversion (even if it was years after conversion).

My Life Before Christ »

Briefly describe yourself and your life prior to knowing Christ. Mention the primary issue that bothered you during this time. Many people can relate to feelings or experiences of loneliness, emptiness, fear, guilt, lack of purpose in life, etc. Be as specific as possible so that the person you are talking to can relate to you.

Conversion Experience »

Tell the story of how you came to trust Christ as your Lord and Savior. Do not use "churchy" words, but do briefly insert the gospel message into this part.

Recent Benefits of Conversion »

Share some statements about God's goodness to you (peace of mind, joy, purpose, whatever was lacking in your life prior to your conversion experience.) Include the assurance transition, "And now I know for certain that I am going to Heaven when I die."

Sample Testimony » Saved as a Teenager or Adult

I grew up as an average young person who had a tremendous love for athletics, especially basketball. I played on teams every chance I could get. I was a good student and had lots of friends and yet something was missing in my life. I felt empty. All during my adolescent years I went to church because I was made to go. Yet church made no difference in my life, I didn't even like it. One summer a group of people from our church went on a retreat to North Carolina. I did not want to go but they talked me into it.

While I was at the retreat, someone spoke from the Bible and it really made sense to me. They stressed that God loved me and desired to have a personal relationship with me but because of my sins I was separated from God and His love. That is why Jesus came to earth to die on the cross, to take away my sin. I asked God to forgive my sin that day and my life has never been the same.

Now, many years later, my life is no longer empty but it is filled with God's favor and peace. I greatly enjoy God's blessings and want others to know how much He loves them. I truly am excited about what life has to offer through God and the best thing is that I know beyond a shadow of doubt that I will go to Heaven when I die. Has anything like this ever happened to you?



Sample Testimony » Saved as a Young Child under Ten Years of Age

I grew up as an average kid in a home in central Florida. I enjoyed life, school, and my friends and everything was going along pretty well. My parents were good parents who loved my younger siblings and me very much.

My mom was a church goer, so my siblings and I attended church with her. My dad wanted us to have a good education, so my parents sacrificed to send us to private school. It was in a weekly Chapel service that I heard about God's love for me and His plan for my life. I asked God to forgive my sin that day and come into my life.

After that decision I faithfully attended church, but unfortunately I failed to fully understand the significance of what God had done in my life. Instead, I focused on meeting the perceived expectations of others. It wasn't until years later when my husband and I moved away from the familiarity and security of my hometown that I realized that God doesn't want me to obey religious rules, but that He wants me to experience the daily joy of a personal relationship with Him.

Now, my life is filled with God's favor and peace. I greatly enjoy God's blessings and want others to know how much He loves them. I truly am excited about what life has to offer through God and the best thing is that I know beyond a shadow of doubt that I will go to Heaven when I die. Has anything like this ever happened to you?

Write It »

In the space provided, with the help of your trainer, write out the three basic parts of your Salvation Testimony.

Explain It » Homework Assignments

Watch It »

Watch and listen to the Extended LORD Presentation. Be ready to present the Extended LORD Presentation to your group trainer at the beginning of Session 7.

Study/Do It »

- » Pray daily for your lost neighbors, co-workers, friends.
- » Use one or more of the ideas from pages 37–38 or come up with your own ideas as to how the Lord would have you connect with your **One** or another outsider.
- » Read one chapter per day in the Gospel of Mark (chapters 11-16) and record one insight that stands out to you from each chapter.

Report It »

Briefly report to the designated church email address or on a church form all your interactions of *caring, connecting, conversing, or continuing* with outsiders or new converts.

Memorize It »

»	Review all memor	y verses (Pages 14	, 20 and 29	of All for	One).
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>>	Finish writing out the three parts of your salvation testimony below and then begin memorizing it. Use the Sample Testimonies on pages 44–45 as a guideline.
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Session 6

Conversing

Say/Discuss It

- » Ask each trainee to read his Salvation Testimony to his trainer and then discuss how to improve it.
- » Give everyone time to write on a church form or send an email to a designated church email address indicating their interactions of **caring** and **connecting** with outsiders in the past week.
- » Emphasize the need for each trainee to daily ask the Lord to continually fill them with the Holy Spirit (see the suggested prayer on page 20) and prepare them to see opportunities to love and witness to outsiders.

Teach It » **Conversing** » Part 2

Categories of Outsiders

How can we reach the many who have not visited or might not ever visit our churches? It starts with continually allowing the Lord to control our lives.

Acts 8:25–39 | Discuss the Lord's prompting of Philip to go out to a desert road and speak to the Ethiopian.

We must also deeply *care* for and *connect* with outsiders, as well as understand different categories of the people we meet and know, and pray about creative and effective ways to reach out to them. We must not deal with all people in the same "cookie cutter" way because one evangelism strategy does not fit all categories. The three primary categories of outsiders we meet or know are:

» Strangers

There are a number of strangers that we meet throughout most days and we will probably never have a relationship with any of them. Usually we interact with them for a brief time from a few seconds to a few minutes. When we start each day with earnest prayer and strive to listen to the Lord's promptings, then we are prepared to interact with these strangers in grace and wisdom and sometimes engage them in spiritual or gospel conversations with questions, cards, or tracts.

» Acquaintances

These are people we somewhat know and that we occasionally or regularly see, but they are not really our friends, ... yet. They may be our co-workers that we are not close to, our neighbors who we wave at, the people we see at the gym that we do not know, a distant relative, etc. Jesus commanded us

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to love all people and so our focus for acquaintances is to intentionally pursue getting to know them better and pray that caring gospel conversations might take place.

» Friends

These are people we know well and occasionally or regularly see. They may be our co-workers, our neighbors, our relatives, etc. We are to intentionally love and serve them, pursue time with them, enjoy them, and pray that caring gospel conversations might take place.

Through considering the categories of people we meet or know, we can better understand the different ways we can effectively interact with them. Interacting briefly with strangers involves being courteous and respectful, but it mostly focuses on what we say and how we say it. Because it is likely that we will never talk to a stranger again, a more direct approach that moves a conversation toward spiritual things may be necessary. In contrast, when interacting with longtime acquaintances or friends, we should prayerfully, patiently, and intentionally direct conversations to the things of God.

Steering Conversations

Just as a skilled builder needs tools to build a solid structure so a wise witness needs different questions (tools) to choose from in loving and reaching lost people. Asking the right questions is a great way to comfortably steer a conversation to spiritual and gospel conversations. In Session 4, Lighter or Interests Questions were introduced to assist believers in building relationships with outsiders. These questions are a natural way of beginning to direct conversations toward the things of God. However, these questions were designed to be used with outsiders who we know and not with strangers that we meet. As we consider practical ways to use questions, we will first focus our attention on interacting in brief encounters with outsiders that we do not know.

Just as a skilled builder needs tools to build a solid structure so a wise witness needs different questions (tools) to choose from in loving and reaching lost people.

Asking Questions of Strangers

It is important for believers to understand the tremendous need to scatter the seeds of spiritual and gospel conversations to lots of people, and not just those we know. It is true that it usually takes multiple spiritual and gospel conversations for an outsider to come to faith in Christ. Understanding this reality helps us recognize that a much greater percentage of Christ-followers need to begin to graciously interject spiritual questions and considerations into brief conversations with strangers. The Holy Spirit can cause the seeds of these spiritual conversations to grow so that unbelievers will become open to gospel conversations later on with another Spirit-filled witness. In other words, all Christians should often be planting gospel seeds, while other believers should often be watering them, while others should be reaping the spiritual harvest as the Lord gives the increase. If there is a tremendous increase in the amount of believers who plant and water, then there will be a tremendous increase in the number of genuine conversions to Christ.

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As already stated, most of us have multiple encounters each day with many people. If a believer feels led of the Lord to talk about spiritual things with a complete stranger, then he will need to initiate and quickly steer a conversation in that direction. This is best accomplished through using a number of transitions and questions like the following ones. Pick one or more of these questions as your favorite question(s) to ask strangers and then be prayerful and intentional about letting the Lord lead you to ask these questions. Copy your favorite question(s) into the Notes section of your mobile phone and practice using these transitions and asking these questions on a regular basis. This will enable you to be confident enough in the Spirit's leadership and your skill level to regularly engage strangers in spiritual considerations and gospel conversations.

- "When you attend church, where do you attend? I want to invite you to attend ______
 Church with us this Sunday." Give them your church business card with the address of the church, the worship service times, and the website address.
- (Non-religious question)

 "I like to ask people I meet a very important question. What do you believe is the key to experiencing a deeply satisfying life?" Give them a few seconds to answer. If they do not answer, then give them a Satisfying Life card (below). Show them the back of the card and mention that you agree with what Jesus taught is the key to a satisfying life, and that is to "love God and love others". Invite them to learn more by visiting the website satisfyinglife.org/... and watching the video. Possibly show them a gospel tract like "Steps to Peace with God" and tell them that the message in the tract changed your life ____ years ago. Give them the tract with your first name, your cell phone number, and your church's website written on it and possibly ask them for permission to briefly share the tract with them.



Other Conversation Cards

Visit **www.all41life.org/conversing** to view a variety of cards that can be used to engage in conversation. Pastors, make your selection, then can call the TBBA at 813.935.3839 to request card files featuring your church's contact information which are ready to be printed.

Recommended Tracts »

"Steps to Peace with God" (Billy Graham), "Three Circles", go to **www.all41life.org/conversing** for additional tracts, if available.

3. (Other Questions: See Homework Assignment, page 52)



Asking Questions of Acquaintances and Friends

Lighter or Interests Questions were introduced during Session 4 to assist believers in beginning to connect with outsiders on a deeper level. Additional "Personal Questions" and "Spiritual Questions" are tools in the toolbox that can be used to ultimately steer conversations to the gospel with those you know.

Personal Questions & Spiritual Questions

Copy the following Personal Questions and Spiritual Questions in this Session into the Notes section of your mobile phone so you can refer to them prior to talking to someone. Make sure that you prayerfully, naturally, and occasionally insert one or more of these questions into conversations and that you listen intently to the answers. Go to the *Conversing* Section of the all41life.org website to learn about *The Complete Book of Questions* and other resources that may be helpful.

You might introduce the following Personal Questions by saying something like, "I enjoy our friendship and hanging out together. As your friend, I'd like to ask you ..." Then ask one of the below questions that you have memorized for the occasion.

Personal Questions

- 1. "When you think of really living, and not merely existing, what comes to mind?"
- 2. "What is the most important thing in your life, and why?"
- 3. "What does success in life mean to you?"
- 4. "Who has been the greatest influence in your life and what lessons did he or she teach you?"
- 5. "What's weighing heavy on your heart these days?"
- 6. "What do you think is your purpose in life?"
- 7. "What do you believe is the key to experiencing a deeply satisfying life?"
- 8. "What's happening in your life right now that is different than a year ago?"

If your friend indicates that they don't know what their answer to your question is, then you might respectfully encourage them to think about the question you've asked them because it is such an important question. Sometime later you might bring the question up again and then share with them what you believe is the answer to the question that you asked them.

As the Lord deepens friendships with outsiders through *Caring*, *Connecting*, and *Conversing* about personal things then it is natural to prayerfully ask one or more of the following Spiritual Questions during a one-on-one conversation. You might introduce the following Spiritual Questions by saying something like, "I enjoy occasionally talking to you about what really matters in life and I'd like to ask you ..." Then ask one of the following questions that you have memorized for the occasion.



Spiritual Questions

- 1. "Do you have any spiritual beliefs, any beliefs about God?
- 2. "If there is a God, and you could ask Him any question, knowing He would answer, what would you ask Him?"
- 3. "If there is a God, what do you believe He thinks about you?"
- 4. "To you, who is Jesus?"
- 5. "Do you believe that you will go to Heaven when you die?"
- 6. "What are you depending on to get you into Heaven?"

After they share their answer to any of the Spiritual Questions, follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit as to where to lead the conversation. You might ask for permission to share your Salvation Testimony (see Session 5) or ask other questions that lead to sharing the gospel. If they ask you how you would answer the question that you asked them, be honest and share from your heart. These questions may or may not lead to immediate gospel conversations. You should communicate in such a way that future, deeper spiritual and gospel conversations can occur.

Say/Discuss It

- » Talk with your team about the person(s) the Lord wants you to care about, connect with, and converse with in the near future.
- » Go over the Personal Questions and the Spiritual Questions with your team and begin to choose the questions you might prefer to use to engage outsiders in gospel conversations.
- » Practice some more with your team in using the Transitions and asking the Questions of Strangers (p. 49).
- » Practice some more with your team in using the Transitions and asking the Questions of Acquaintances and Friends (pp. 50–51).

Explain It » Homework Assignments

Watch It »

Watch and listen to the Extended LORD Presentation. Be ready to present the Extended LORD Presentation to your group trainer at the beginning of Session 7.

Study/Do It »

- » Pray daily for your **One**, lost neighbors, co-workers, and friends.
- » Pray about staying involved in another *All for One* Large Group or Triad Huddle.
- » Read one chapter per day in the Gospel of John (chapters 1–5) and record one insight that stands out to you from each chapter.

All for One Conversing

» Read and consider the questions below that you can use to engage strangers in a brief conversation.

(Server at a restaurant)

Just after you order your meal, then state, "When you bring our food we will pray a blessing over it. Is there anything we can pray for you about? Let us know when you bring our food." When they bring your meals then ask them if there is anything they'd like prayer about. If they share a request, then thank them and let them go back to work. Pray for them after they leave your table. At the end of the meal tell your server that you'll be leaving a generous tip and a booklet that describes God's love for them. Leave them a Satisfying Life card and/or a gospel tract with your first name, your cell phone number, and your church's website written on it.

(Optional questions)

- **»** "What is the most important thing in your life and why? May I tell you about the most important thing in mine?"
 - » Tell them in one sentence that the most important thing in your life is a person, Jesus Christ and that He changed your life ____ years ago.
 - » (Give them a gospel tract with your first name, your cell phone number, and your church's website written on it and say, "This booklet tells about God's love for you and how you can live for Him today and go to Heaven one day. Do you have just a few minutes for me to explain this booklet to you?")
- » "Are you confident that you will go to Heaven when you die?" Regardless of their answer, ask, "What are you counting on to get you into Heaven?"
 - » (If they give an unbiblical answer, then give them a gospel tract with your first name, your cell phone number, and your church's website written on it and say, "This booklet tells about God's love for you and how you can live for Him today and go to Heaven one day. The message in it changed my life _____ years ago. Do you have just a few minutes for me to explain this booklet to you?")

Write/Download It »

Enter the Personal Questions and Spiritual Questions into the Notes section of your smart phones, practice using them, and look for opportunities to use them to converse with outsiders.

Report It »

Briefly report to the designated church email address or on a church form all your interactions of *caring, connecting, conversing, or continuing* with outsiders or new converts.

Memorize It »

Finish editing the three parts of your salvation testimony that you started in Session 5 and continue memorizing it. Use the Sample Testimonies on pages 44–45 as a guideline.



Session 7

Conversing

Say/Discuss It

- » Ask each trainee to read their completed Salvation Testimony to their group. Edit it if needed.
- » Ask each trainee to share the Extended LORD Presentation to their group.
- » Ask each trainee to share with their group the Personal Questions and Spiritual Questions they have chosen to use with Strangers and Acquaintances and Friends. Ask for volunteers to publicly share about their interactions with strangers in the past week.
- » Emphasize the need for each trainee to daily ask the Lord to continually fill them with the Holy Spirit (see the suggested prayer on page 20) and prepare them to see opportunities to love and witness to outsiders.

Teach It » **Conversing** » Part 3

We do not want to limit spiritual and gospel conversations to only one-on-one interactions. If we are filled with Christ and genuinely praying for, caring about, and connecting with outsiders then we should consider ways to connect and converse with lost people in groups. This is probably foreign to most believers but it can be an incredible strategy for engaging the lost in comfortable, safe, and meaningful conversations.

Work Groups & Home Groups

There are different types of groups to be considered. There are relational groups, marital groups, discovery groups, and Bible studies (usually one of the gospels). Each home group should consist of 2-3 mature believers and the rest should be unbelievers.

Relational Groups »

Relational groups can be effective at work or in a home. They ideally work best when a few believers ("Look for a Partner" on page 33) work together to love and care about outsiders and then invite them to a short-term gathering in a work conference room or at a home, usually on a weekend night. The gatherings are designed to include a meal (lunch at work) or (dinner in a home) and then interaction around a few well thought out questions. The home gathering should not last more than 2 hours.

For example, a group might gather together at work at noon or in a home in the evening on the first Friday of the month. The group could meet 4+ times and use a tool like the ones shown at all41life. org, under the **Connecting** tab. This resource and others like it are designed to lead the group to deepen their friendships.



Questions are always the key to effective groups, including relational groups. Any host or leader can make up questions for couples to answer. Some suggested relational discussion questions are listed below. Feel free to come up with your own and then host or lead a group.

Recommended Relational Group Discussion Questions

- 1. "How did you meet your spouse and what did you do on your first date?"
- 2. "What is something fun you enjoy doing or would like to do?
- 3. "Where is a place you would like to visit and why?"
- 4. "Who has been the greatest influence in your life and what lessons did he or she teach you?"
- 5. "What's weighing heavy on your heart these days?"
- 6. "When you think of really living, and not merely existing, what comes to mind?"
- 7. "What is the most important thing in your life, and why?"
- 8. "What do you believe is the key to experiencing a deeply satisfying life?"
- 9. "What is the best thing that has ever happened to you and why would you say that?"

It is best for group gatherings to be seasonal rather than permanent. A good relational group can last from 4-6 gatherings before a break is needed.

Marital Groups »

Most married couples want to have a great marriage but often they don't know how to go about moving toward that. Marital topics are a great hook for gathering outsiders together in homes for 6-7 sessions to strengthen their marriages. A highly recommended resource is Family Life Ministries (familylife.com) which is associated with CRU (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ). The three suggested series that will most likely attract lost couples are:

The Art of Marriage Connect Suggested Series:

- Improving Communication in Your Marriage
- Building Up Your Spouse
- Resolving Conflict in Your Marriage

The host couple should recruit couples who they have built relationships with and let the couples know that each series has some biblical instruction about marriage in it. The host couple should order a Family Life book for each couple and each couple should pay the host couple for their book. It is best to have a pot-luck meal at each gathering and to meet on a weekend night, every other week or once a month until the series is completed.



Discovery Groups »

These groups are designed as a place for outsiders to gather with a trusted believer or two to discuss spiritual issues at work or in a home. The host or leader does not lecture but instead facilitates discussions that arise from the exploration of biblical truth. Outsiders can ask questions and the facilitator usually uses a written or video curriculum to guide discussions. Currently Q Place, Explore God, and Christianity Explored are some incredible ministries that are available to use to lead discovery groups. To learn about these Discovery Group resources, the topics that they cover, how to use them, and other additional resources, go to all41life.org and click on *Conversing*.

» Q Place studies6-10 weeks» Explore GodFree Online Series (7 weeks)» Christianity ExploredDVD Series (6 weeks)

Q Place has recently partnered with Explore God. Q Place uses their expertise to help believers know how to love and serve outsiders and then attract them to a Discovery Group. Q Place also helps the hosts and leaders know how to launch a group. Then it is recommended that the group uses the Explore God video links to direct the group toward spiritual and biblical topics. You can go to all41life.org and click on "Conversing" to learn about these Explore God topics.

Bible Studies »

There are simple methods of facilitating a Bible study with outsiders. It is probably best to study the gospels so that everyone is exposed to who Jesus is and what He expects of each person. The leader or host should provide inexpensive New Testaments (ESV) for each person so that he can refer to page numbers when examining the passages. The Bible study should cover half a chapter to a full chapter at each gathering. The simple guidelines to be followed are to discuss the below questions.

- » What does this passage reveal about God?
- » What does this passage reveal about people?
- » What else did you learn?
- » If you believed it was true, how would you apply this to your life?
- » How can you help someone else based on this passage?

Q Place ministry was mentioned earlier in this session and has been around for many years. It was originally called Neighborhood Bible Studies. They changed their name ("Q" emphasizes Questions), but not their mission, which is to equip believers to love their friends and invite them to interactively study the Bible with them, especially the gospels. Q Place has great resources for various studies including a study of the Gospel of Mark. There are specific resources on How to Start a Q Place and there is a Q Place Quick Start Guide. Go to all41life.org and click on *Conversing* to learn about all



that Q Place and other ministries offer to strategically plan and implement an evangelistic workplace or home Bible study.

Say/Discuss It

- » Talk some more with your team about the person(s) the Lord wants you to care about, connect with, and converse with in the near future.
- » Go over the Personal Questions and the Spiritual Questions in Session 6 with your team and nail down the questions you prefer to use to engage outsiders in gospel conversations.
- » Discuss with your group any questions you may have and what you think might be involved in starting and maintaining an effective Evangelistic Group with outsiders you know.

Explain It » Homework Assignments

Study/Do It »

- » Pray daily for your **One**, lost neighbors, co-workers, and friends.
- » Pray about staying involved in another **All for One** Large Group or Triad Huddle.
- » Use one or more of the ideas from pages 37–38 or come up with your own ideas as to how the Lord would have you to continue to **connect** with your **One**.
- » Continue to **connect** with outsiders that you know and commit to having spiritual and gospel conversations as the Holy Spirit gives opportunity.
- » Continue to ask the Lord to help you ask questions of strangers to see if spiritual or gospel conversations might take place.
- » Read one chapter per day in the book of John (chapters 6-10) and record one insight that stands out to you from each chapter.

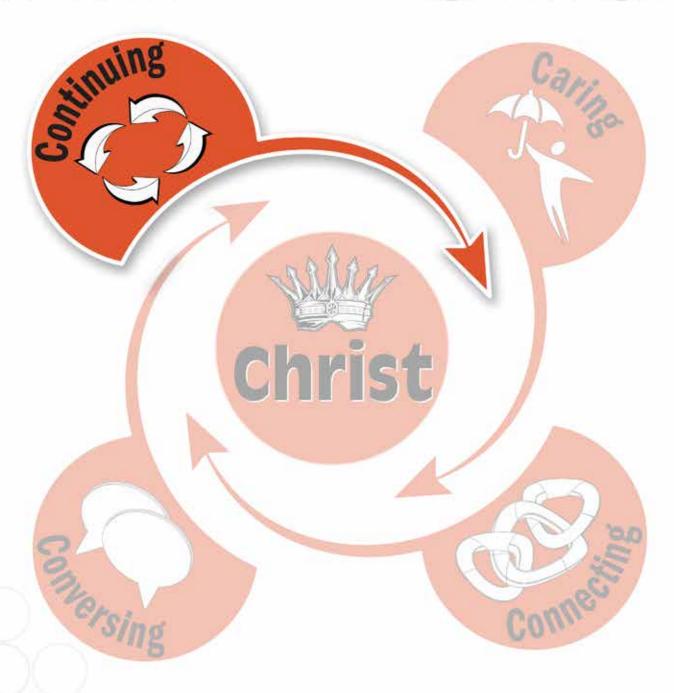
Write/Download It »

Continue to practice using the Personal Questions and Spiritual Questions that you entered into the Notes section of your smart phone and look for opportunities to use them to converse with outsiders.

Report It »

Briefly report to the designated church email address or on a church form all your interactions of *caring, connecting, conversing, or continuing* with outsiders or new converts.

All for One



Gospel Conversations at Home at Work at Play



Session 8

Continuing

Say/Discuss It

- » Ask trainees to share with their team about their interactions with friends, acquaintances, or strangers in the past week. Ask them to share about any spiritual or gospel conversations they may have had with strangers, their *One*, acquaintances, or friends.
- » Emphasize the need for each trainee to daily ask the Lord to continually fill them with the Holy Spirit (see the suggested prayer on page 20) and prepare them to see opportunities to love and witness to outsiders.
- » Have each team member share with their other team members at least two insights from reading chapters 6–10 in the Gospel of John.

Teach It » Continuing

Continuing with Christ

All for One stresses that every believer should be practicing lifestyle evangelism. This is only possible when the believer is continuously being filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18) and with the Word of God (Colossians 3:16). Every **All for One** trainee should take it upon himself to purchase and complete CRU's The Christian & the Holy Spirit Step #3 study. Go to **all41life.org** and click on "**Christ-Centered**" to learn more. Anyone who is serious about personally fulfilling the Great Commission needs to learn how God the Holy Spirit can empower him to be God's witness at work, at home, and at play.

As mentioned in Sessions 1 & 2 of this study, we must be continuously filled with the Holy Spirit, but also with the Word of Christ. Therefore, it is imperative for all believers who are serious about lifestyle evangelism to be committed to daily Bible intake through hearing, reading, studying, memorizing, and meditating on God's Word.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 | What does the Bible accomplish in the life of a believer?

Also, we should be growing in our witnessing skills. One of the best ways to continue to grow as a witness is to continue to be involved in *All for One* as either a trainee or as a trainer of other trainees. There is a great need for many in the church to be equipped in lifestyle evangelism and this requires that capable Spirit-filled trainers continue to learn and equip. Notify church leadership today or soon that you will participate in the next *All for One* semester or triad huddle.

There are new and creative evangelism resources being developed all the time. Every witness needs to continue to read books, visit good websites, and discover new resources that will help them grow in their lifestyle evangelism skills. Use **all41life.org** as the place to start when you are looking to grow as a witness.

Continuing with Outsiders

A Christ-Centered, caring disciple will consistently love the outsiders that the Lord has brought into his life. These outsiders will vary in their responses to godly believers and their attempts to reach out to them relationally and spiritually. Some lost people will embrace a friendship with a godly believer, while some will keep themselves at what they consider to be a safe distance. Some will be interested in talking about spiritual things and the gospel, while others will be totally indifferent. No matter how outsiders respond to the *caring, connecting, and conversing* of a witness, they should continue to be shown the love of Christ in order that the believer or someone else might reach them with the gospel. Always remember that sometimes people plant, sometimes they water, and sometimes they reap as God gives the increase. Christ-followers are to view themselves as part of a greater team that is patiently and intentionally working together to love and influence outsiders to come to Christ.

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2 Peter 3:8-9 What is God's attitude toward outsiders?	
Proverbs 25:15 (ESV) How can people be persuaded?	
Continuing with New Believers	
The gospels record the fact that Jesus often preached, taught, and healed. Also, Jesus sper not most, of his earthly ministry discipling his twelve men. He equipped them to follow Him He had gone back to Heaven	

In addition, we read in Acts 9 that Saul was gloriously converted on the road to Damascus. When Saul tried to join the disciples at the church in Jerusalem many seemed to doubt that he was sincerely

Acts 9:26-28	cts 9:26-28 What did Barnabas do for Saul when he was a new believer?	

saved.

All for One Continuing

One of the greatest joys in life for a married couple is the birth of their children. Similarly, one of the greatest joys in life spiritually is the new birth of a former outsider who has personally trusted Christ as his Lord and Savior. There is joy in the presence of the angels over such decisions and there should be with us also.

If and when we are blessed to see someone we know get saved it is our responsibility to follow the examples of Jesus and Barnabas. We should make sure that the convert is nurtured and discipled by us or another mature disciple so that he might begin to grow to become a mature Christ-follower. Most believers have never discipled a new believer or any believer. This involves so much more than just passing on biblical knowledge. It also includes modeling Christ-like attitudes and behavior and being a trusted friend.

Matthew 28:19 Read the below verse and fill in the blank.
Go therefore and make of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Why do you think the Apostle Paul used such tender language in the following verses to describe how much he loved the Thessalonian Church?
1 Thessalonians 2:7-8 But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. 8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.
How did Paul describe his attitudes toward the Colossians and the Galatians in the following verses?
Colossians 1:28-29 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. ²⁹ For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.
Galatians 4:19 My little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ
is formed in you!

they can become like Jesus.

Just as it would be neglectful and even criminal for parents not to care for their new-born baby, so it is sinful for believers not to nurture and train spiritual infants. We need to love and help them so that



Resources

There are many great resources that one can use to help a new convert become established in Christ. One of the best was developed by CRU and it is called *Foundations*. It is a very biblical and easily understood four session curriculum. Learn more about it by visiting **all41life.org** and clicking on *Continuing*. The studies can be purchased or downloaded for free and they include a separate Leaders Guide.

The Process For Discipling A Former Outsider Who Has Become Saved Is...

- » Offer to meet one-on-one with them to help them grow in Christ.
- » Order or print out the Foundations Leaders Guide and four sessions (for convert and discipler).
- » Set up the first meeting at your home, if it is convenient, or a quiet restaurant.
- » Each meeting (weekly or bi-monthly):
 - Enjoy eating together for 30 minutes.
 - Give the new believer that week's session and read and answer questions together for 45–60 minutes.
 - Ask for and share prayer requests.
 - Set up your next meeting time.
- » Text or call them in between meetings to see how they are doing.
- » If you haven't already done this, at one of the meetings, invite them to attend your church or another Evangelical church closer to where they live. Also encourage them to get plugged into a small group.
- » After completing Session 4, continue to occasionally encourage them.

Remember that **All for One** is not a program that one completes and then goes on to something else. It is instead designed to inspire and equip believers to develop a life-time habit of **Christ-centered** living, **caring** about outsiders, **connecting** with outsiders, **conversing** with outsiders, and **continuing** with Christ and outsiders.

Congratulations on completing this eight-week Lifestyle Evangelism Training!

May you not only consistently share Christ with others, but may you lead many others to join you in doing the same.

Say/Discuss It »

» Ask trainees and trainers to share about the highlights of their **All for One** training.

» Ongoing Routines

Do It»

- » Be continuously filled with the Holy Spirit.
- » Pray daily for your lost neighbors, co-workers, friends.
- » Pray about staying involved in another **All for One** Large Group or Triad Huddle.
- » Keep reading a chapter per day in a book of the Bible and record one insight that stands out to you from each chapter.
- » Continue to practice the sharing of your personal salvation testimony.
- » Continue to review the LORD Presentation (or 3 Circles).
- » Continue to connect with outsiders that you know and commit to having spiritual and gospel conversations as the Holy Spirit gives opportunity.
- » Continue to ask the Lord to help you ask questions of strangers to see if spiritual or gospel conversations might take place.

Report It »

Continue to briefly report to the designated church email address or on a church form all your interactions of *caring, connecting, conversing, or continuing* with outsiders or new converts.