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Manual

MODULE 4

ABUNDANT SEED SOWING



In the fourth module, you'll discover the importance of abundant gospel sowing and learn simple, practical tools to help you take steps toward reaching those around you.

Lesson 1: What is Abundant Seed Sowing?

Lesson 2: Power of the 3 Minute Testimony

Lesson 3: Choosing a Primary Evangelism Tool

Lesson 4: Praying for the Sick

Main Points to Understand & Discuss in this module (if working through this course with others):

- **To reap a large harvest, many gospel seeds must be sown.**
- **Training many believers in simple evangelism methods ensures that more seeds are planted, leading to a greater harvest.**
- **Personal testimonies and simple, reproducible tools should be used to equip every believer to share the gospel and train others to do the same.**

BIG TASKS FOR MODULE 4

1) Prepare your testimony and start sharing it.

2) Choose one primary evangelism tool. Start using it and training others to use it.

3) Start praying for the sick in Jesus' name



*The seed is
God's word.
Luke 8: 11*

LESSON 1

WHAT IS ABUNDANT SEED SOWING?



Why Abundant Gospel Sowing Makes Perfect Sense

If we want to reap a great harvest, we must sow many seeds of the gospel. We need to practice what is called “abundant gospel sowing.”

The principle of abundant gospel sowing is simple, biblical and natural. If you want to reap a great harvest in a city, region or people group, you must sow many, many gospel seeds. When thousands of people hear the message of good news, hundreds will respond. If tens of thousands hear, thousands will respond. You can not expect to reap a great harvest of souls without finding ways to multiply evangelistic efforts. It is a foundational principle of Disciple Making Movements. Sow much, reap much. Sow little, reap little.

This begs the question. How much evangelism is currently happening in your region and how can you radically increase that?

A Wise and Foolish Farmer

Imagine a farmer working in his field. He bought vegetable seeds and went out to plant them. Carefully he dug holes, put the seeds in, and patted down the soil. Then he watered carefully, giving just the right amount of water.

The next day he again watered, and the next. After a week, when none of his vegetable seeds had sprouted, he became discouraged. "What am I doing wrong?" he wondered. "Maybe I am a bad farmer," he thought. "Or maybe my seed was no good." Discouraged, he sat down on a bench and stared at the dirt where he had planted his seeds. His hopes and dreams of harvest seemed impossible. Along comes a friend who is also a farmer. "What are you doing?" he asks.

"I am frustrated with farming!" declared the first farmer. "I wanted to see a big harvest, and I worked hard to plant my seeds. But none of them have come up. I think there is something wrong with my seed, or maybe with me. Am I a bad farmer?" he asked his friend.

"Show me where you planted the seeds," his friend instructed. The first farmer showed him the vegetable seeds. He explained about his careful watering process each day

His friend said to him, "You aren't a bad farmer, and there is probably nothing wrong with your seeds. I know what the problem is here! You didn't plant enough seeds! If you want to reap a great harvest, you can't only plant 5 seeds, you have to plant thousands of seeds. Fill the whole field with seeds. In each hole, place 3 seeds, not just one. Then, you will see many plants come up, and as you care for those, many will bear fruit."

"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." 2 Cor. 9:6 ESV

Choose a Simple Evangelism Method

The above scripture is talking about giving, but the same is true with our evangelism. Like the first farmer, we hope to see a great harvest of souls in our region. But we don't always put in the effort to increase the number of people who are hearing the gospel message. This doesn't make a lot of sense in the natural, nor does it make sense in disciple-making.

The most effective way to multiply evangelism in your area is not through mass crusades. I don't suggest doing things like random tract distribution either. The best way to increase abundant gospel sowing is to train as many people as possible with simple personal evangelism tools. Then get them to train others.

We suggest you start with two things. Testimony and one other simple, reproducible, evangelism tool. Train every believer, not just those who are particularly interested in outreach.

You want to develop a DNA in the movement where ever follower of Jesus actively shares their faith. Every disciple must take seriously Jesus' words in Acts 1:8. Jesus told his disciples that they would be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

We have a mandate to be His witnesses. That starts with learning to share our testimony. Train every believer to confidently share how they came to know Jesus, and what He has done in their lives.

Sharing Your Testimony

Ying Kai, the creator of T4T, trains his trainers to share their testimony in three parts.

3 Parts of the Testimony

Part 1: BEFORE- I met Jesus.

What was my life like?

Part 2. HOW- I met Jesus.

Who shared with me and how did I respond?

Part 3. AFTER- I met Jesus.

What was different about my life?

Sharing your story is powerful. You'd be surprised how many people are open and interested to hear your own story.

As you share your testimony and train others to do the same, you will identify people who are open to the gospel. When they show interest, set up a time to meet them to share more. Or invite them to join a Discovery Bible Study

After everyone has learned to share their testimony and are actively doing this, train them in a more complete presentation of the gospel.

Set Seed Sowing Goals

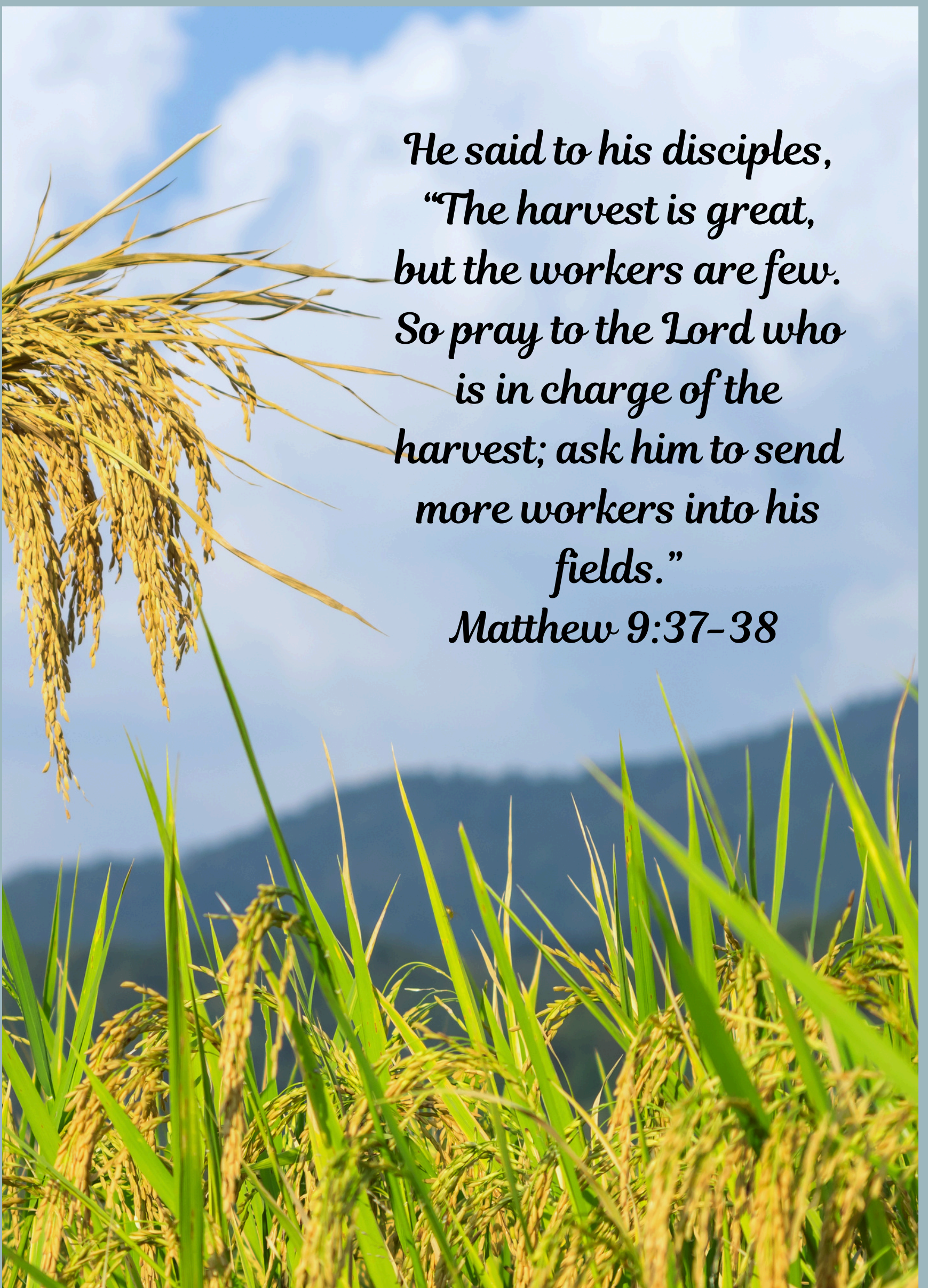
What will you do to increase the number of "gospel seeds" being planted in your region this month? Set a goal as a team for how many people you will share the good news with and how many you will train to share with others. Then keep track of how you did with those goals. Each month, increase the number until thousands of seeds are being sown. You will definitely begin to see fruit.

The harvest is ripe. But to reap it, you have to share the gospel often.

Action Steps for M4 - Lesson 1

1) Pray for Open Hearts: Ask God to prepare the hearts of those who will hear the gospel, making them receptive to the message.

2) Pray that God will empower and embolden you and your team so that you can share the gospel widely.

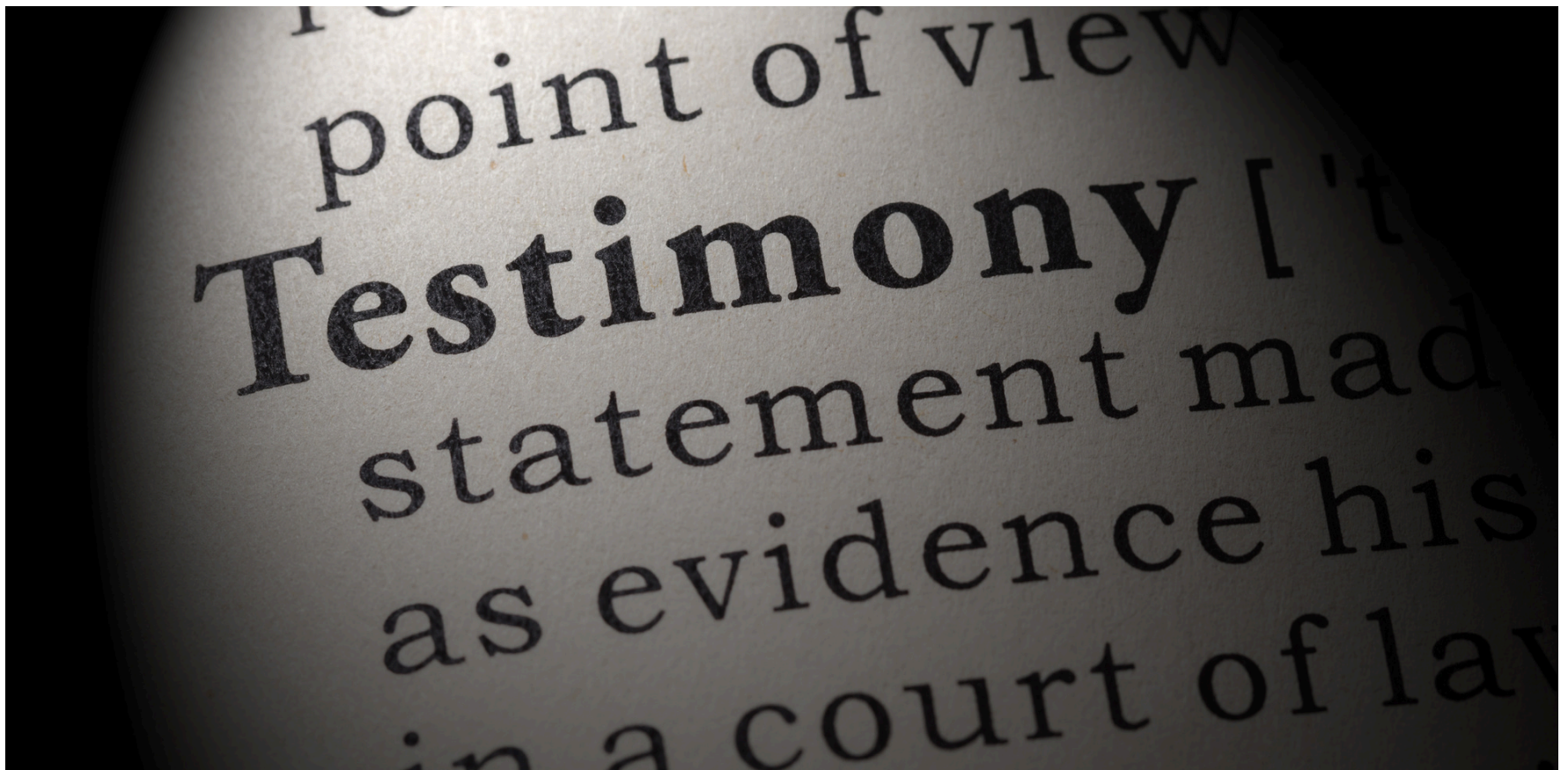


*He said to his disciples,
“The harvest is great,
but the workers are few.
So pray to the Lord who
is in charge of the
harvest; ask him to send
more workers into his
fields.”*

Matthew 9:37-38

LESSON 2

POWER OF THE 3 MINUTE TESTIMONY



Steps to prepare your 3 Minute Testimony

Learning how to share your brief testimony is very powerful! Use these simple steps below to help you prepare. Then practice with a friend.

BEFORE- What was your life like before you met Jesus? (Identify the contrast clearly. Were you sad, lonely, addicted, having a lot of conflicts with people, etc.)

HOW- Did you hear about Jesus and choose to put your trust in Him?

AFTER- What is your life like now that you know Jesus? (Be sure to bring out the contrast to the before answer. For example, if you said lonely in the before, you can say now I know I am loved and I have a community that is like a family to me, etc.)

Action Steps for M4 - Lesson 2

1) Prepare your testimony

2) Practice it several times with a friend.

3) Go out and share it to at least 1-2 people

LESSON 3

CHOOSING A PRIMARY EVANGELISM TOOL



Simple Evangelism Approaches

There are many different ways to share the gospel. The Holy Spirit leads and inspires us as we open our mouths to share the good news. It is important to choose only one simple method if you want to see multiplication. As you stick with this one approach, those who come to faith will quickly learn to use it as well. Train everyone who is a follower of Jesus to share the gospel with friends and neighbors. Keep training them, allowing opportunities to practice, until they are confident and competent in sharing their faith.

Following is a list and short description of five simple methods you can consider. These have all been used by people who have started movements around the world. They are proven to be effective and reproducible. There are also many others available. Or God may help you create your own. That is fine. Just be sure to mostly stick with one thing that is not complicated or difficult to learn.

Creation to Christ

The late Steve Smith mentioned this gospel presentation in his book, The Hastening. It was one of the primary tools of the church planting team mentioned in that fictional novel. You learn how to share the gospel starting with the creation of the world and taking people through the overall story of scripture until Jesus' birth, death, resurrection and ascension. You can learn it here (INSERT LINK) ENGLISH - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8Xa57Md028&t=310s>

Three Circles

This is a popular and simple way to share the gospel, especially in the West. It is being used in other places as well. Using a simple drawing of three circles, you start with the circle of brokenness, then that of beauty, and finally the circle of Christ.

You can learn it here :ENGLISH - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5W8ynRMr59k>

Any 3

This conversational evangelism method was developed in Indonesia. It begins with conversational questions like "What religion do you follow?" It then naturally moves the person step by step toward a chance to present the gospel story in a way that is particularly easy for Muslims to understand. The story that is used is called the Last Sacrifice story. It has three parts, starting with Creation, then talking about Jesus and then tying his death back to the first sacrifice of the lamb in the garden.

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Treasure Hunting

This is a method of evangelism that integrates prophetic giftings and evangelism. It was popularized by Kevin Dedmon in his book.

The Ultimate Treasure Hunt: A Guide to Supernatural Evangelism Through Supernatural Encounters

Before going out for a time of evangelism, you pray and ask God to show you a picture of the person he has prepared for you to share with. As you wait on the Lord you receive some clues from God about who that person is. Perhaps the color of shirt they are wearing or some other detail about their life. You then go out and look for them. When you find someone with that item or description the Lord showed you, you tell them you have a word from God for them and you bless them and prophesy over them.

If this is not something you're familiar with, it may sound a bit strange. But many people have encountered the Lord through this and made Jesus their Savior.

You can learn it here: ENGLISH

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Pm2_S8XQKg

Action Step M4 - Lesson 3

- 1) Decide on 1 Evangelism tool
- 2) Practice it several times with a friend.
- 3) Begin sharing the gospel using that tool.

Gentle Reminder:



- Please engage with your Whatsapp Group! Ask a questions, share an insight from the lessons, etc.
- Attend you Monthly Zoom Call

LESSON 4

PRAYING FOR THE SICK



Healing the Sick and the Things That Block Us

Healing the sick is an important part of a disciple maker's life.

What? Heal the sick? How can I do that? Only God can heal the sick! True. Not true. Wait! It can't be both. Or can it?

There are several foundational things needed in disciple-making movements. Obedience to God's Word is one of them. In DMM training, we often focus on obedience to Christ's command to share the gospel or be baptized. These are vitally important! If movements are built only on miracles, they tend to be shallow and often don't see generational growth. At the same time, Jesus gave us an important model. He healed the sick and trained His disciples to do the same.

Jesus said, "Heal the sick."

It is interesting that Jesus told His disciples not just to pray for the sick, but to heal the sick.

“Whatever city you enter and they receive you, eat what is set before you and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’”

Luke 10:8 & 9- NASB

Yes, it is God who heals, but He does this healing work through people. He heals through me and you. We heal people by His power, not our own.

Every disciple-making movement around the world, be it a historical or modern-day one, has been characterized by signs and wonders—including the healing of the sick.

It is part of the way God works. He confirms His Word through signs and wonders. He demonstrates His love and power by doing miracles.



A remarkable testimony

Jeremiah* was a simple man with a remarkable story. He had only studied up to class two in school, but around the age of 30, he placed his faith in Christ and gradually taught himself how to read. His quiet determination led him to participate in a training program, where the topic was "God's heart for the Lost." Throughout the week, he listened attentively, absorbing the teachings about God's desire for all to be saved.

By the end of the program, Jeremiah made a bold decision. He felt called to bring the good news to a nomadic, unreached people in his nation who lived as hunters and gatherers. With unwavering commitment, he moved to their village and began building relationships, sharing stories from the Bible about Jesus healing the sick and freeing people from demonic power. Though the people listened, they weren't yet ready to embrace this new "foreigner's" religion.

Everything changed when a wave of sickness swept through the village, affecting nearly fifty families. Concerned for the villagers, Jeremiah approached the village chief and offered to pray to Jesus for healing. As he laid his hands on the chief and his family, something strange happened. A type of flying insect emerged from their skin, and soon after, the entire village recovered.

This miraculous event convinced the chief. Within weeks, he called a village meeting, and the entire community decided to put their faith in Jesus. If He loved them enough to heal them, they were ready to give their lives to Him. In one day, over fifty adults followed Christ's command and were baptized, marking the beginning of a movement in the village.

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We read stories like this and get excited. We want these things to happen in our people group. Yet, we still feel cautious.

What makes you hesitant to pray for the sick?

3 Things That Block The Release Of Healing

1. Unbelief. This sin isn't easy to identify. For me, it isn't that I don't believe God can heal. It is that I doubt whether He will heal through me. In the book "The Essential Guide to Healing," Randy Clark writes about "Unbelieving believers and believing unbelievers." How often as believers, we slip into unbelief! I know I have been guilty of this! My words say I believe, but my actions show something different.

The good news for DMMs is that often the unreached around us are quicker to believe the word of God than we are! Crazy, isn't it?

When we share scripture and stories of what Jesus did when He was here on earth and tell them God's word is true today...they believe us! God loves the faith of new believers and seekers. He often releases miracles in response.

Could you be struggling with unbelief?

2. Prayerlessness.

Jesus' disciples tried in Matthew 17 to cast out a demon, but they could not. Why? Jesus told them that this kind only came out through prayer and fasting. It isn't a magic formula pray more and God will heal more. It is a principle to follow. As we spend more time in prayer, in God's Presence, connected to the vine, abiding in Him... demonstrations of power flow out of us. He lives in us more fully. His works flow out of us more freely.

Could it be that you need to pray a bit more?

3. Timidity.

Sometimes we are afraid to take a risk of faith. We are hesitant to ask someone if we can pray for them. This is especially true when you are praying for something more than a common cold! You see someone in a wheelchair. All kinds of reasons enter your mind as to why you shouldn't offer to pray for them. So we don't. Sometimes even when we feel a prompting by the Holy Spirit to do so, we ignore or dismiss it.

2Timothy 1:7-“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.”– New Living Translation

Could it be that fear is greater in your life than faith?

Ask God to take away your fear and fill you with His Love, His Power, and the self-discipline to obey His command to heal the sick around you.

Your act of risky faith may catalyze a DMM in your village, city or area! It has happened in many other places.

Why not where you are? Why not today?

***Name has been changed.**

Action Steps for M4 - Lesson 4

1) Ask God to fill you with faith for healing. If you are fearful, ask Him to fill you with boldness.

2) Pray that God will open doors for you to pray for the sick.

3) If you meet someone or hear of someone who is sick, offer to pray for them in Jesus' name.

LESSON 5

CHECK YOUR PLANS



Take time to review your disciple-making plans to make sure you have not missed anything from this module. Write the answers to these questions in your notebook.

Abundant Seed Sowing Plan

- 1. How many people in your target area will hear the gospel today? this week? this month?**
- 2. What goal will you set for a different number from what you wrote above? i.e. 300 people per week.**
- 3. Who could you potentially train in sharing their testimony or another evangelism method? If you train them, how many will they be able to share with in the coming months?**
- 4. Further describe your plan to personally share the gospel more as well as to train others. Be as specific as possible. When will you share? Who will share? Who will train others? When will they share? etc**
- 5. Describe your plan to increase gospel sharing in detail below. If you have signed up for the Premium plan that includes coaching, be sure to send a copy of this to your coach.**

Gospel Sharing Activities

Sharing the good news regularly takes practice.

- 1. Did you write out your 3 minute testimony? yes/no**
- 2. Were you able to practice it with at least two people? yes/no.**
- 3. How did the practice session go?**
- 4. Who have you shared your testimony or a gospel presentation with during this past two weeks?**
- 5. Who have you trained to share their testimony or a gospel presentation?**

Primary Evangelism Tool

Choosing one primary evangelism tool is important for multiplication. As you become more confident to use it, you can also train many others to as well.

- 1. What will your primary evangelism tool be? Choose from the list C. Anderson talked about or one of your own.**
- 2. Why did you choose that tool? Can you confirm that it is simple and reproducible?**
- 3. How will you train your team and disciples to use this tool? When?**

Praying for the Sick

How will you grow in faith and action related to praying for the sick around you?

- 1. How comfortable are you and your team members in praying for the sick? Does it happen regularly or not?**
- 2. What could you do to encourage greater confidence and courage in stepping out in faith?**
- 3. Do you have a testimony of a time God healed someone? Through you or someone else? If so, jot down the details below. Then share this with those you are training to encourage their faith. There is great power in testimony!**