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This class, **MINISTRY 401**, is the last of our four basic classes at The Pentecostals. Since these classes build on each other, you should have already attended **CONNECT 101**, **GROW 201** and **SERVE 301** before taking this class. Our goal is to get as many members through our teaching process as possible, so congratulations on completing!

The goal of this class

That I would commit the rest of my life to the mission of being a messenger of God's Good News to other people. To use my time, my talents, and my treasure for His Kingdom, regardless of where it leads or what it costs.

2 Corinthians 5:9 (NIV) We make it our goal to please him.

2 Corinthians 10:13 (LB) Our goal is to measure up to God's plan for us.

I was created to fulfill God's purpose.

Why Mission is important

1. I was created to fulfill God's purpose.

Proverbs 16:4 (LB) The Lord has made everything for his own purposes.

2. God planned my life mission before I was born.

Ephesians 2:10 (NCV) God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which He planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.

My mission has UNIVERSAL ELEMENTS (what God calls every Christian to do) and UNIQUE ELEMENTS (what God custom-designed ME to do).

3. Fulfilling my mission brings glory to God

John 17:4 (NIV) I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

4. My primary task in life is to fulfill my mission.

Acts 20:24 (NCV) *The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me – to tell people the Good News about God's grace.*

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR CREATING US

1. We were made to have a _____.

Ephesians 1:4-5 (LB) *Long ago, even before he made the world, God chose us to be his very own through what Christ would do for us ... His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us.*

2. We were made to _____.

Romans 8:29 (NIV) *For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.*

3. We were made to _____.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) *For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*

4. We were made to _____.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV) *He has planted eternity in the human heart.*

This life is _____ for life in eternity!

JESUS' MISSION ON EARTH

2 Corinthians 5:19 (LB) *God was in Christ, restoring the world to himself.*

1. SHINING (passive witness)

John 12:46 (LB) *I have come as a Light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer wander in the darkness.*

2. SEEKING (active witness)

Luke 19:10 (NIV) *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.*

3. SHARING (indirect testimony)

John 10:10 (NCV) *I came to give life – life in all its fullness.*

4. SPEAKING (direct testimony)

John 18:37 (NCV) *This is why I was born and came into the world: to tell people the truth.*

WHY JESUS' MISSION MUST MATTER TO ME

1. If I want to be like Jesus, _____ Life Mission must include _____ Life Mission.
John 17:18 (MES) *In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.*
2. JESUS _____ ME TO CONTINUE HIS MISSION.
John 20:21 (NIV) *As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.*
3. SHARING THE GOSPEL IS MY _____.
1 Corinthians 9:16 (NCV) *Telling the Good News is my duty - something I must do. And how terrible it will be for me if I do not tell the Good News.*
4. SHARING THE GOSPEL IS MY _____.
2 Corinthians 5:18 (LB) *And God has given us the privilege of urging everyone to come into his favor and be reconciled to him... This is the wonderful message he has given us to tell others. We are Christ's ambassadors.*
5. I'M _____ FOR WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR ME.
Ephesians 2:12 (NCV) *Remember that in the past you were without Christ ... You had no hope, and you did not know God.*
6. PEOPLE ARE _____ WITHOUT JESUS CHRIST.
Romans 10:13-14 (NCV) *Anyone who calls on the Lord will be saved. But before people can ask the Lord for help, they must believe in him; and before they can believe in him, they must hear about him; and for them to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them.*
7. GOD WANTS _____ TO BE SAVED.
2 Peter 2:9 (NCV) *God does not want anyone to be lost, but he wants all people to change their hearts and lives.*
8. God's _____ FOR HISTORY hinges around THE CHURCH COMPLETING OUR mission.
Matthew 24:14 (NCV) *The Good News about God's kingdom will be preached in all the world, to every nation. Then the end will come.*
9. I WILL BE _____ FOR ETERNITY.
Daniel 12:3 (NLT) *Those who turn many to righteousness will shine like stars forever.*
10. I WILL _____ FOR ETERNITY WHEN I SEE PEOPLE I HAVE WON TO THE LORD IN HEAVEN.

1 Th. 2:19 (NLT) *What gives us hope and joy, and what is our proud reward and crown? It is you! Yes, you will bring us much joy as we stand together before our Lord Jesus when he comes back again.*

Knowing how important my MISSION is to the Lord, what should my response be?

Acts 20:24 (NCV) *I want to carry out the mission I received from the Lord Jesus – the mission of testifying to the Good News.*

Three Parts of my Life Message

1. My Testimony
2. My Life Lessons
3. My Life Passions

Sharing my Testimony

A personal testimony is the most persuasive form of communication. Just think about commercials!

1 Peter 2:9 (MES) *You are the ones chosen by God ... God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you.*

THE VALUE OF MY TESTIMONY

- It is unique – there are no others just like it.
- It is personal and easy to understand.
- I am the authority on it, so it is difficult to argue with.
- People love a personal story – and remember it.
- People can relate to it, so it builds a relational bridge.
- In a postmodern world, it is the most effective witness.

FOUR PARTS OF MY TESTIMONY

1. What my life was like before I met Christ. (LEAST TIME)

- What common circumstances would an unbeliever identify with?
- What were your attitudes that an unbeliever would identify with?
- What was most important to you?
- What substitute for God did you use to find meaning in your life? (sports/fitness, success at work, marriage, sex, making money, drugs/alcohol, having fun, entertainment, popularity, hobbies)

2. How I realized I needed Christ. (MORE TIME)

- What significant steps led up to your conversion?
- What needs, hurts or problems made you dissatisfied with the way you were living without God?
- How did God get your attention?
- What motivated you?

3. How I committed my life to Christ. (EVEN MORE TIME)

- What specifically did you do?
- Where did it happen?
- What did you say in your prayer? (be specific)

4. The difference Christ has made in my life. (MOST TIME)

- What benefits have you experienced or felt?
- What problems have been resolved? (give current example)
- How has Jesus helped you change for the better?
- How has Jesus helped you in your relationships?

If you became a Christian AS AN ADULT, use the four basic steps to compose your testimony.

If you became a Christian AT AN EARLY AGE BUT WALKED AWAY, use the same four steps but start with the time just prior to your RECOMMITMENT.

If you became a Christian AT AN EARLY AGE AND NEVER STRAYED, use the same four steps but point out some common problem or deep need others struggle with, and explain why you never had to experience it.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PREPARING MY TESTIMONY

- Pray and ask God to give you the right words.
- Keep it short and to the point. Avoid excessive, unnecessary details.
- Refer to experiences most people have in common.
- Share a slice of your life (a story) that they will identify with.
- Be honest about your continuing struggles. Your life is not perfect.
- Don't imply that all of your problems ended at conversion.
- Spend the most time on Part Four – the difference Christ has made.
- Emphasize WHY you gave your life to Christ (the benefits of doing it).
- Mention the benefit of being certain of your destiny when you die.
- Don't exaggerate or brag about pre-conversion sins.
- Don't make negative remarks about other religions or people.
- Don't quote a lot of Scripture (a maximum of one or two verses).
- Don't answer questions they haven't asked.
- Give concrete examples of the changes in your life.
- The more specific you are, the more dynamic it will be.
- Avoid using dates, names and ages. It doesn't matter to them.
- Be prepared. Practice until it feels and sounds natural.
- Speak casually and informally, in a matter-of-fact tone.
- Don't dramatize or embellish your story.
- Don't share mystical experiences. Share on their level, not yours.
- Don't talk down to people. Don't sound "preachy."
- Use "I," "me," and "my," not "you." It's about you, not them.
- Use humor – it reduces tension and relaxes people. Smile!
- Choose a central theme for your testimony (***see list below***) ...

Following is a list of some common issues we face in life, followed by ways God solves them. You can use this list to help you in determining what themes to share in your testimony.

HOW SERVING JESUS HAS HELPED ME DEAL WITH MY ...	HOW SERVING JESUS HAS GIVEN ME ...
Worries / Anxiety	Inner peace
Guilt / Shame	Forgiveness and a fresh start
Anger / Temper	Patience and love
Emptiness / Lack of purpose	Purpose and meaning in life
Grief	Comfort and joy
Stress / Burnout	New energy and power for living
Low self-esteem	Significance (I'm valuable to God!)
Poor health	Healing or strength to go on
Disappointment	Trust in God's good plans
Insecurity	Confidence and sense of security
Regrets	A second chance at life
Discontent / Frantic activity	Contentment and peace
Fears	Faith to face my fears
Loneliness	Assurance God's always with me
Lack of emotional support	A church family that supports me
Addictions / Habits	Freedom and power to change
Self-centeredness	Love for other people
Despair / Depression	Hope
Cheap thrills	Real and lasting happiness
Boredom with my life	Adventure with God
Fear of death	Assurance of heaven
Feeling something was missing	A sense of fulfillment
Bitterness and resentment	The ability to be free from my past

HOW SERVING JESUS HAS HELPED ME DEAL WITH MY ...	HOW SERVING JESUS HAS GIVEN ME ...
Pain of rejection	God's unconditional love
Marriage problems	Positive changes in my marriage
Financial problems	Positive changes in my finances

Remember that you have more than one testimony!

- Different situations require different testimonies.
- Choose the testimony that best matches your listener.
- Tell about how others' lives have been changed too.
- Don't use religious terms or clichés (see list below).

Christian Term...	When Talking to Unbelievers...
"Blessed"	"Happy"
"I was born again"	"I was given a fresh, new start"
"I was saved"	"My life changed at that moment"
"Jesus is my Lord"	"Jesus is the leader of my life" "I put Jesus in the driver's seat"
"I repented"	"I changed my way of thinking" "I made a mental U-turn" "I walked away from my old life to follow Christ"
"I had sinned"	"I knew I'd blown it"
"All are sinners"	"Everyone has done wrong things" "Nobody's perfect"

Christian Term...	When Talking to Unbelievers...
"I felt convicted"	"I realized..." "I felt deeply..."
"The Holy Ghost"	"God's Spirit"
"It was glorious"	"It was awesome" "It was an incredible experience"
"Praise the Lord"	"I'm so thankful to God"
"Hallelujah"	"Hallelujah" (It's a good word!)

HOW TO LEAD INTO MY TESTIMONY

- **Listen for problems that Jesus has helped you with.**

"You know, that very thing used to be a big issue in my life too. But then I discovered something that made a major difference in my life."

- **Refer to a news item dealing with a common problem.**

"Did you read about that? I can sure identify with how those people feel. It wasn't all that long ago that I struggled with those feelings too. But then something happened that changed everything for me."

- **Start with a statement they'd agree with or a situation they relate to.**

"Sometimes life just gets so complicated. Things sure don't always turn out the way we planned."

- **Apologize to people you've known a long time but not witnessed to.**

"I need to apologize to you. We've known each other a long time, and I consider you to be a good friend. But I've never told you about the best thing that ever happened to me."

Psalms 105:1 (LB) *Let the whole world know what he has done for you.*

Psalms 96:2 (LB) *Each day tell someone that he saves.*

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV) *Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.*

SHARING MY TESTIMONY EFFECTIVELY

1. RECOGNIZE YOUR PERSONAL STYLE

- Your “SHAPE” not only determines your ministry in the church, it also influences your mission in the world! Don’t feel guilty about styles you don’t naturally use, and don’t judge others who don’t do it like you do it!
- A “right brain” witness emphasizes personal experience, while a “left brain” witness emphasizes facts and scripture. We need both kinds of testimonies! Remember that Jesus never used the same approach twice!

2. THINK THROUGH WHAT YOU WILL SAY

Colossians 4:6 (GW) *Everything you say should be kind and well thought out so that you know how to answer everyone.*

Proverbs 16:23 (TEV) *Intelligent people think before they speak; what they say is then more persuasive.*

3. SHOW LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:1 (TEV) *If I have no love, my speech is no more than a noisy gong or clanging bell.*

*People don't care how much we know until they know
how much we care!*

4. BE POSITIVE AND PLEASANT

Proverbs 16:21 (TEV) *A wise, mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is.*

Proverbs 12:25 (LB) *A word of encouragement does wonders!*

5. NEVER USE ANY PUT-DOWNS

Colossians 4:6 (MES) *Be gracious in your speech. The goal is to bring out the best in others in a conversation, not put them down, not cut them out.*

Colossians 4:5 (JB) *Be tactful with those who are not Christians.*

*Don't ever expect an unbeliever to act or think like a
believer until they become a believer!*

6. **TELL STORIES AND GIVE EXAMPLES**

Matthew 13:34 (NLT) *Jesus always used stories and illustrations like these when speaking to the crowds. In fact, he never spoke to them without using such parables.*

7. **LIGHTEN UP!**

Luke 7:34 (PHI) *The Son of man came enjoying life.*

8. **BE NATURAL – DON'T TRY TO SOUND "SPIRITUAL"**

1 Corinthians 2:1 (JB) *When I came to you, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy but simply to tell you what God has guaranteed.*

Titus 2:8 (PHI) *Your speech should be unaffected and logical so that your opponents may feel ashamed at finding nothing in which to pick holes.*

9. **BE VULNERABLE AND AUTHENTIC**

2 Corinthians 6:11 (TEV) *We've spoken frankly to you, we've opened our hearts wide.*

Philippians 1:27 (NCV) *Be sure that you live in a way that brings honor to the Good News of Christ.*

10. **MEMORIZE SOME KEY BIBLE VERSES**

2 Timothy 2:15 (PHI) *Concentrate ... on being a workman with nothing to be ashamed of, and who knows how to use the Word of truth to the best advantage.*

11. **KEEP IT SIMPLE**

2 Corinthians 11:3 (KJV) *I fear ... (Satan) will corrupt you from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

12. **ASK GOD TO HELP YOU USE THE RIGHT WORDS**

1 Thessalonians 1:5 (NLT) *For when we brought you the Good News, it was not only with words but also with power, for the Holy Spirit gave you full assurance that what we said was true.*

Ephesians 6:19 (NCV) *Pray for me that when I speak, God will give me words so that I can tell the secret of the Good News without fear.*

Spiritual Fishing

Matthew 4:19 (LB) *Jesus called out, 'Come follow me and I will show you how to fish for the souls of men.'*

- **Following** and **fishing** go together!

- Leading people to the Lord is like fishing, not hunting!

Hunting	Fishing
Aggressive	More gentle
Based on confrontation	Based on attraction
Go out there and shoot them	Get them to nibble on the bait
Uses one-size-fits-all bullets	Allows you to try different lures
Take your best shot – it's over	Requires give and take to reel it in
Scares animal away if you miss	You get more than one chance
The animal has no choice	The fish gets a choice
Must be a skilled shot	Anyone can put bait in water

THREE KEYS TO SPIRITUAL FISHING

1. Identify your _____.

Acts 1:8 (NIV) *You will be my witnesses - in Jerusalem, in all of Judea, in Samaria, and in every part of the world.*

My Fishing Pond		
Acts 1:8	My Church	Myself
Jerusalem	Our City	Family
Judea	Michigan	Relatives
Samaria	North America	Friends
The World	The whole world	Acquaintances

God holds me most responsible for the people that I already have _____ to me!

Mark 5:19 (MES) Jesus said, "Go home to your own people. Tell them your story - what the master did, how he had mercy on you."

2. Learn about _____ in your pond.

Mark 4:33 (MES) *With many stories like these, he presented his message to them, fitting the stories to their experience and maturity.*

1 Corinthians 9:22-23 (LB) *Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him. I do this to get the Gospel to them and also for the blessing I myself receive when I see them come to Christ.*

The more you know about a person, the easier it is to reach them with the Gospel.

Before you can _____ a person, you must be able to _____ to them.

3. Remember fish get _____ at different times.

Colossians 4:5 (TEV) *Be wise in the way you act toward those who are not believers.*

Mark 12:34 (LB) *Realizing this man's understanding, Jesus said to him, 'You are not far from the Kingdom of God.'*

Most people go through a process in receiving salvation; effective evangelism assesses where they are now and helps them take the next step. In Mark 4:3-8, Jesus spoke of a farmer planting seed, and how the seeds fell on different types of ground.

Parable of the Soils	Four Levels of Receiving
Hard Soil	Defensive Heart

Parable of the Soils	Four Levels of Receiving
Shallow Soil	Impulsive Heart
Weedy Soil	Distracted Heart
Good Soil	Receptive Heart

1 Corinthians 3:6 (LB) *My work was to plant the seed in your hearts, and Apollos' work was to water it, but it was God, not we, who made the garden grow in your hearts.*

How People Find Salvation		
-6	Self-satisfied, skeptical, resistant, or spiritually apathetic	Resistant stage
-5	Becomes aware of an unmet need or spiritual void in their life	Receptive stage
-4	Begins looking for answers to questions or solutions to problems	Seeker stage
-3	Considers the differences between themselves and believers	Consideration stage
-2	Learns why and how to become a Christian	Understanding stage
-1	Ready to believe and receive salvation	Ready stage
0	GROUND ZERO	NEW LIFE!
1	Learning about their new birth and their church family	Connect 101

How People Find Salvation

2	Learning about the habits necessary for spiritual growth	Grow 201
3	Learning how to use their God-given talents to serve others	Serve 301
4	Learning how to share the gospel with other people	Go 401

Important points to remember:

- Evangelism is a _____ of moving people through the stages.
- People move through these stages at different _____.
- People often require _____ exposures at each stage before moving on.
- A person can get 'stuck' at any stage – the number one reason for this is _____.
- Every stage requires a different _____ from me!

What to do with people at each stage:

- 6. At the RESISTANT stage ...

- Continue building a relationship with them
- Invite them to a fun or casual BRIDGE EVENT
- Don't argue with them!

- 5. At the RECEPTIVE stage ...

- Tell them that you are praying for them
- Ask open-ended questions to get them thinking
- Share a testimony of how God has helped you
- Remember that CHANGE (either positive or negative) makes people receptive (*see **Life Event** table below*)

- 4. At the SEEKER stage ...

- Invite them to one of our weekend services

- Give them reading materials or start a Bible Study
- Talk with them about their specific spiritual concerns

- 3. At the CONSIDERATION stage ...

- Introduce them to other Christians
- Discuss the ways that Christians respond to life
- Invite them to join you for times of fellowship

- 2. At the UNDERSTANDING stage ...

- Explain the plan of salvation to them
- Share your testimony of conversion
- Help them see the implications of their decision

- 1. At the READY stage ...

- Pray a prayer of repentance with them
- Take them to talk to the pastor about water baptism
- Pray with them at the altar to receive the Holy Ghost

0. GROUND ZERO ...

- Celebrate their spiritual birthday with them!
- Make yourself available to encourage them
- Get them started in our basic classes (go with them!)

Note: 80% of people who experience salvation say it started with a friend inviting them to church.

Life Event	Stress/Receptivity Level
Death of a spouse	100
Divorce	73
Marriage separation	65
Jail term	63

Life Event	Stress/Receptivity Level
Death of a close family member	63
Personal injury or major illness	53
Getting married	50
Fired from work	47
Marriage reconciliation	45
Retirement	45
Major change in health of family member	44
Pregnancy	40
Sex difficulties	39
Gaining a new family member	39
Major change at work	39
Major change in financial status	38
Death of a close friend	37
Son or daughter leaving home	29
Trouble with in-laws	29
Spouse begins or stops work	26
Trouble with boss	23
Change in residence	20

How to build a bridge of friendship

Good friendships are usually intentional, rather than accidental. Developing friendships with unbelievers often requires going the second mile, taking some risks, and moving outside your own comfort zone; and with our busy lifestyles, these kinds of relationships take PLANNING. That's why the Bible tells us to "work at bringing others to Christ" (2 Timothy 2:4, NLT). If you don't plan to cultivate friendships with unbelievers, you'll find that you never have the time

to do so. "We should make our plans – counting on God to direct us" (Proverbs 16:9).

Step #1: Become Aware

- Make a list of your unsaved family and friends by name
- Realize that they are your responsibility
- Assess each person's level of spiritual receptivity
- Discover what their interests and needs are
- Look for areas of common ground that you can build on
- Figure out what kind of testimony each would respond to

Step #2: Commit To Prayer

- Make a prayer list and pray daily for your unsaved friends
- Pray that God will draw them to Himself (John 6:44)
- Pray that God will remove spiritual blindness (2 Cor. 4:3-4)
- Pray that God will make their heart receptive (John 16:8-13)
- Pray for an opportunity to share a clear witness (Col. 4:3-5)
- Pray that God will give you wisdom in what to say (James 1:5)
- Pray that God will use the words you say (1 Thess. 1:5)

Step #3: Show You Care

- Treat everyone with respect as PEOPLE, not as PROSPECTS
- Be a genuine friend; help them in practical ways
- Be a good listener; it is a great way to show love
- Make SERVICE your aim, not RECRUITMENT
- Invite them into your home
- Consciously focus your concern on meeting their needs
- Go out of your way to love them until they ask you WHY!
- Accept people as they are without being judgmental

Step #4: Be Ready To Share

- Identify yourself as a positive, joyful follower of Christ
- Share a testimony when the occasion naturally arises (it will!)
- Never force the gospel; be patient, for God is working!
- Use crisis situations to show why we all need God
- Ask questions that lead to spiritual discussions
- Give them appropriate message audio or books to read
- Focus on the essential; don't get sidetracked by hang-ups
- Invite them to a service that is designed to reach them
- Offer to pray with them after sharing the gospel

Becoming a "World-class" Christian

Mark 16:15 (NCV) *Jesus said, 'Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone.'*

Mark 10:13 (LB) *And the Good News must first be made known in every nation before the end-time finally comes.*

Many Christians mistakenly assume that the responsibility for taking the gospel to all parts of the world belongs only to missionaries and pastors. But the Bible clearly points out that it is every believer's responsibility to be a world-class Christian. With the earth's ever-exploding population, our responsibility has certainly increased; however, in many ways the job of evangelism is getting much easier. With the internet and air travel at our disposal, the world is shrinking! The opportunity to be a part of God's global mission is now, more than ever before, available to every Christian.

The problem is not the harvest; the problem is the lack of_____.

Matthew 9:37 (NCV) *Jesus said to his followers, "There are many people to harvest but only a few workers to help harvest them."*

Romans 10:13-15 (NKJV) *Romans 10:13-15 (NKJV) For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent?*

Habakkuk 1:5 (NLT) *Look at the nations and be amazed! Watch and be astounded at what I will do! For I am doing something in your own day, something you wouldn't believe even if someone told you about it.*

Acts 2:17 (NCV) *God says: In the last days I will pour out my Spirit on all kinds of people.*

Psalms 67:2 (LB) *Send us around the world with the news of your saving power and your eternal plan for all mankind.*

OUR GOALS FOR MEMBERS

- **EVERY MONTH:** For them to have a mission experience in our city (our Jerusalem).
- **EVERY YEAR:** For them to have a mission experience in Michigan (our Judea).
- **EVERY FEW YEARS:** For them to have a mission experience with another state in the U.S. (our Samaria).
- **AT LEAST ONCE:** For them to have a mission experience with another culture in another country (our world).

Twenty ways to be “On Mission” for God

1. Invite your friends to events at The Pentecostals.
2. Host an “Open House” to get to know your neighbors.
3. Volunteer to get involved at your children’s school.
4. Invite a guest from The Pentecostals to dinner.
5. Leave a tract for a waiter/waitress (with a generous tip!).
6. Reach out to university students and refugees from other cultures.
7. Get yourself a world map and pray for our missionaries.

8. Go on prayer walks in your neighborhood.
9. Become an e-mail "pen pal" with one of our missionaries.
10. Pray for the countries mentioned in news reports.
11. Become a volunteer with our CARE Mission ministry.
12. Teach or host a Home Bible Study group.
13. Provide transportation to bring someone to church.
14. Donate food, clothing or money to the underprivileged.
15. Get involved in the World Network of Prayer ministry. (www.wnop.org)
16. Become a mentor to a young person in our church.
17. Volunteer in our city and G.R. nonprofits.
18. Visit a senior who cannot get to church.
19. Volunteer to help a neighbor with some yard work.
20. Go on a short term missions trip.

Romans 1:14 (NLT) *For I have a great sense of obligation to people in our culture and to people in other cultures.*

DEVELOPING A MISSIONARY HEART

1. We must shift our thinking from _____ to _____.

2 Timothy 1:7-8 (LB) *For the Holy Spirit, God's gift, does not want you to be afraid of people, but to be wise and strong, and to love them and enjoy being with them. If you will stir up this inner power, you will never be afraid to tell others about our Lord.*

Luke 9:62 (LB) *Anyone who lets himself be distracted from the work I plan for him is not fit for the Kingdom of God.*

2. We must shift our thinking from _____ to _____.

Psalms 2:8 (NCV) *If you ask me, I will give you the nations; all the people on earth will be yours.*

Isaiah 43:5-7 (NIV) *Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to*

the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

3. We must shift our thinking from _____ to _____.

2 Timothy 2:4 (NASB) No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

Matthew 6:33 (NCV) The thing you should want most is God's kingdom and doing what God wants. Then all these other things you need will be given to you.

4. We must shift our thinking from _____ to _____.

Mark 8:35 (LB) Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live!

Hebrews 12:1 (LB) Let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back ... and let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us.

5. We must shift our thinking from _____ to _____.

Romans 12:1 (NCV) Since God has shown us great mercy... offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him.

Mark 10:29-30 (LB) Jesus replied, "Let me assure you that no one has ever given up anything ... for love of me and to tell others the Good News, who won't be given back, a hundred times over ... All these will be his here on earth, and in the world to come he shall have eternal life."

Acts 20:24 (GW) I want to finish the race I'm running. I want to carry out the mission I received from the Lord Jesus – the mission of testifying to the Good News of God's kindness.

MY LIFE INVESTMENT GUIDE

What percentage is used for God's Kingdom?

Put a circle on each line indicating your current status. Then put an "X" on each line indicating where you would like to be starting today.

My Life Investment Guide										
What percentage is used for God's Kingdom?										
0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100

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My Time

0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
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My Talent

0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
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My Treasure

What are you going to live the rest of your life for? The choice is yours! Will anyone be in Heaven because of you?

*Connecting, Growing,
Serving and Going in
Jesus Christ*





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