



# EDGE Equipping Manual

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***Equipping Missional Christians  
for Evangelizing, Disciple Making,  
Gathering People, and Establishing Churches***

*If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened,  
more strength is needed but skill will bring success.  
Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV)*

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# USING THIS RESOURCE

This resource is for equipping an army of Christians for evangelizing, disciple making, gathering people, and establishing churches. This guide can be used for self-study or as a training guide with a mentor, pastor, other ministry leader, or associational missionary.

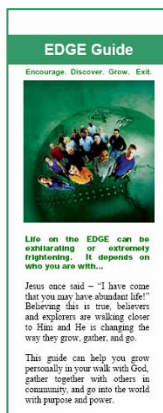
- In six lessons, Biblical principles and basic practices will be introduced. Each lesson will emphasize on-the-job training.
- All sections are reproducible, usually in one-page formats, which direct learners to God's Word.
- Leaders can implement the training in personal mentoring meetings, weekly group meetings, or special one-day workshops.
- It is principle-driven; and is flexible to fit any context. Contact [mentoringteam@namb.net](mailto:mentoringteam@namb.net) to request permission to customize this document. Permission is granted to reproduce this document as is.

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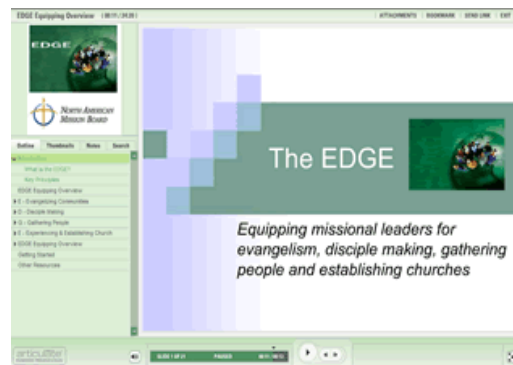
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More EDGE Components are at [www.churchplantingvillage.net](http://www.churchplantingvillage.net)

- **EDGE Training Podcasts – RSS Feed -**  
<http://feeds.feedburner.com/edgeequipping>



- **EDGE Guide** – This quick reference guide can be useful in implementing the lessons from the EDGE. It contains the EXIT summary, Sharing Stories, and a Group Facilitation agenda. It is included in this manual and is designed to be print ready for a two-sided, three-panel brochure.
- **EDGE Overview** – A brief flash presentation explaining the entire EDGE Equipping system.



# INTRODUCTION

The book of Acts shows us how God used Spirit-filled believers to spread the gospel and plant churches. Christianity expanded from Jerusalem, to Judea and Samaria, and then to the ends of the earth, leaving multiplying churches to shine brightly for Christ. During the growth of the early church, there was a recurring pattern that emerged...

First, the good news of Jesus was proclaimed. This is called **evangelism** - the Spirit-led communication of the gospel in such a way, or ways, that people have an opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and participate in a New Testament church.

Secondly, people were led to follow Christ. In Antioch, the people in the early church were first called "Christians" because they were labeled as being imitators of Christ. **Disciple making** is helping other people become devoted followers of Christ. Disciple making can happen one-on-one, but usually occurs in group gatherings.

The third common practice seen in Acts was that people were **gathering in groups**. As people met in the temple courts and in homes, people experienced the body of Christ through fellowship, Bible study, prayer, worship, ministry, and continued evangelism.

Finally, the result was that **churches were established and church life was experienced**. As the congregations grew and matured, they multiplied their ministry while making critical decisions about their ongoing legacy. Today, many call church planting the greatest evangelistic method ever.



Read Acts 19:1-10 and discuss. What does this passage teach us about evangelism, disciple making, gathering people, and establishing churches?

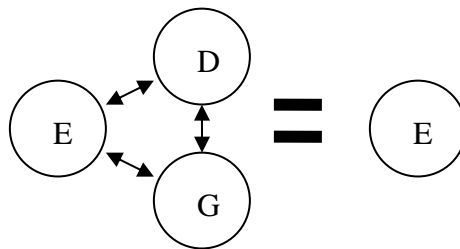
## The EDGE Effect

### Lessons 1- 4

Evangelism → Discipleship → Groups  
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### Lessons 5 - 6

Experiencing Church Life  
Establishing Churches where needed

*This graph indicates how the activities of Evangelism, Disciple Making, and Gathering people into groups contributes to the experience of church life and establishing churches where needed.*



How would you evaluate your personal evangelism ministry? Your disciple making ability? And your group gathering skills?

In what areas do you need to improve?

Comments:

## About our Equipping Approach

There are several approaches that are used in this equipping guide...

- **Discovering Biblical truths** – by reading God's Word, we can understand and do the will of God.
- **Discussing your findings** – if possible, go through this manual with others, and learn together.
- **Learning by doing** - immediately apply things you have learned. Every lesson ends with activities that will allow you to prove the principles. Of course, you may adjust them for your setting.
- **Learning by sharing** – every lesson can be immediately shared with others. You can influence others to be "On Mission" as you are learning.



### Seven EDGE Principles

1. **Prayer is essential** – Pray for boldness, for God to raise up co-laborers, and for the Holy Spirit to make hearts responsive.
2. **Abundant gospel sowing** precedes abundant gospel reaping – People need to hear the gospel before they can respond to it. If we sow sparingly, we will reap sparingly. If we sow abundantly, we will reap abundantly.
3. **God's Word transforms** lives and is useful for equipping everyone.
4. **Anything healthy reproduces.** Believers, disciple makers, groups, and churches should reproduce.
5. **Every believer can** be equipped to evangelize, disciple, gather, and establish churches. God asks us to be available. The Holy Spirit makes us capable.
6. **Relationships have great influence.** The gospel can best flow through existing relationships and common culture. When people plant the gospel where they live, work, play, and learn, it can grow and produce a harvest of faith and righteousness.
7. **We should watch to see where God is at work; and join Him.** As we pray, God often reveals three types of responsive people...
  - Spiritual seekers – people responsive to the **message** of the gospel
  - Persons of peace – people responsive to the **messengers** of the gospel
  - Co-laborers – people responsive to the **call** of the gospel

### Are You Ready?

Extraordinary things happen when God's people do ordinary things – a movement can happen as God's people: pray and go to make disciples; show and tell the good news; and gather and grow groups of multiplying disciples.

Remember that those who led the early church expansion were ordinary people. They were fisherman, doctors, tent makers, and merchants. Yet, their mission was extraordinary! They lived to share the good news of Christ in such a way that everyone living in their regions had an opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel of Christ, and participate in a New Testament fellowship.

God has called you to participate in His redemptive plan. You are His ambassador and have been given the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-21). You can make a difference in the lives of people around you as you apply your skills of evangelism, disciple making, and gathering people. God may even use you to help establish a new church, or expand the reach of your existing church.



What do you understand God's calling is for you? How have you responded?

Will you agree to participate in this equipping experience to help you sharpen your ministry edge?

# EVANGELISM – SHARING CHRIST

**How are you sharing the gospel?** Everyone has a story to tell. By listening to the lost, you can look for opportunities to share your story of salvation and help others respond to God's plan of redemption.



## Read and discuss Luke 10: 1-17

- What did you like best?
- What did you like least?
- What did you not understand?

## Notice Jesus' Model (Luke 10)

- Prayer for harvesters
- Gave clear instructions
  - They knew what to do.
  - They knew what to say.
  - They were looking for persons of peace.
- They had accountability

## 5 Important Questions...

1. **How do I go?** After prayer, go with God's authority.
2. **Who do I go to?** Your "oikos" and people God has led you to.
3. **What do I say?** God will help you. Be ready for three stories...
  - Their Story: Ask questions. Listen and learn. Look for opportunities.
  - Your Story: Salvation, deliverance, or fellowship testimony
  - God's Story: One Verse Evangelism – Romans 6:23 or John 3:16

### 4. What are you looking for?

#### Responsive People.

- Spiritual seekers – people responsive to the **message** of the gospel.
- Persons of peace – people responsive to the **messengers** of the gospel.
- Co-laborers – people responsive to the **call** of the gospel.



### 5. What makes you think I will do this?

- You love God – Since you love God, you obey His commands.
- You love people – By sharing with them, they can be saved.
- You'll have encouragement and accountability.

## The EXIT Strategy

EXIT is a way for you to invest in the lives of five non-Christians using a four-step process, while being held accountable through a small group of your friends.

- E** **Essential:** Pray for the salvation of five non-Christians. Recruit a prayer partner to join in praying for the five.
- X** **Christ:** Demonstrate the love of Christ by servicing your five. Seek to listen to their story and learn about them
- I** **Intentional:** Share your personal testimony and plan of salvation.
- T** **Truth:** Invite people to respond to the gospel through an evangelistic event, or an evangelistic Bible study.



- Take some time to brainstorm conversational questions which can help you begin spiritual conversations and share "stories."
- Prepare and memorize your brief testimony (2 minutes or less).
- Make a list of all the non-believers/non-churched in your oikos.
- Share "stories" with five non-Christians before we meet again.

## Prayer for Harvesters

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

– Matt. 9:38 and Luke 10:2

**Person of Peace** - Someone whom God has prepared to receive the gospel before you arrive. Not all are believers, but they often create opportunities for the spread of the gospel.

## Oikos – Your household and sphere of influence

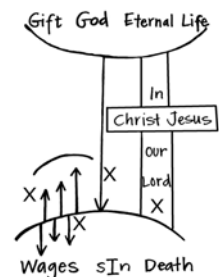
- Your family
- Friends
- Co-workers
- Peers
- Neighbors

## Your Salvation Story

- Your life before Christ...
- Your Salvation experience...
- Recent blessings...

## One Verse Evangelism

### Romans 6:23



## Your "Five"...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

EXIT Guides are available at [www.studentz.com/exit](http://www.studentz.com/exit)

One Verse Evangelism guides are available at <http://student2student.campuscrusadeforchrist.com/OneVerseEvangelism.html>

# DISCIPLE MAKING

**How are you making disciples?** You are a disciple maker if you help people discover the joy of life in Christ. Teach people to become like Christ by reading God's Word and learning to obey His teachings. This can happen one on one – or in a group.



## Read and discuss Matthew 28:18-20

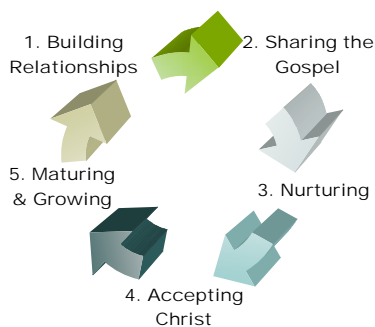
- **What does Jesus say?** *Go and Make \_\_\_\_\_* "
- **How are we to do this?**
  - *\_\_\_\_\_ them*"
  - *\_\_\_\_\_ them to obey*"
- What does this passage teach us about Discipleship?

## The Discipleship Process

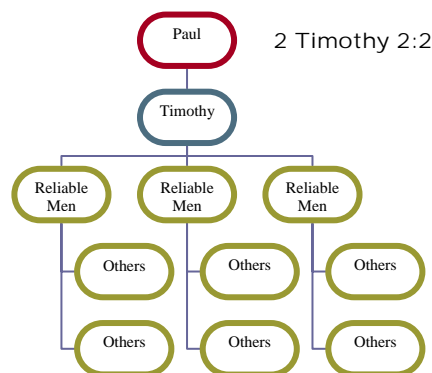
Disciple making is more than a follow-up Bible study and directing people to join a church. There is great joy in participating in all stages of the discipleship process and enjoying making disciples who reproduce. Paul disciplined Timothy as he instructed him saying, "And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also," 2 Timothy 2:2 (HCSB).

Look at the charts below and consider the discipleship process. Biblical discipleship will result in the reproduction of disciples.

### The Discipleship Cycle



### Reproducing Disciples



## Questions for Discussion

### What are some good ways to disciple new believers?

- Invite new believers to become an active part of a disciple making church or group.
- *Six Lessons for New Believers* (to the right) is a reproducible outline to disciple new believers and lead them to begin sharing their faith.
- Consider how you can lead new believers to be baptized. How can their baptism celebration become an evangelistic opportunity for their family and friends? (You may need to seek advice from your pastor or mentor)

### How will you nurture and equip maturing believers?

- Consider using lessons from this manual to share with others.
- Mentor an emerging leader: Model, Assist, Watch, and Leave

## Six Lessons for New Believers

### Assurance of Salvation

The new believer's new relationship is reconfirmed through scripture - Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Peter 3:18; John 10:28; 2 Corinthians 5:15; 1 John 1:9; 1 John 5:13

### A Life of Prayer

The new believer learns why to pray and how to pray. God has three answers – yes, no, and wait. - Luke 18:1; Ephesians 6:18; 1 Peter 5:7; Jeremiah 33:3; Philippians 4:6-7; 1 John 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:18

### Daily Quiet Times

To really know God, we need to have regular close contact with him. Set a regular time to meet with God - Genesis 19:27; Psalms 5:3; Daniel 6:10; Mark 1:35; Psalms 42:1-2; Psalms 119:18, 147-148

### Understanding and Being Church

Church is not a building, but a people – who can meet anywhere. The purposes of the church as worship, evangelism, discipleship, ministry, and fellowship - Romans 12:5; Ephesians 1:23 and 5:23; Acts 2:41-47

### Knowing God

Understanding God is a lifelong pursuit. What can we learn from these passages? Jeremiah 31:3; Ephesians 2:4-5; 1 John 3:1; Luke 15:11-24; 2 Thessalonians 3:3

### God's Will for You

The training has come full circle. Immediately begin sharing your story and leading people to Christ. A baptism celebration is a great way to share your faith with family and friends. 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

*Adapted from T4T (Training for Trainers) from the International Mission Board, SBC.*

# GATHERING PEOPLE

Disciple making is enhanced with effective small groups. Outreach groups, discipleship groups, house churches, and core groups of churches all rely upon people who can host and lead small groups.



## Read and Discuss Hebrews 10:24-25

- Use the Discovery Questions to the right.
- What are the benefits of connecting believers together in small groups?

### Look what Groups can do...

Small groups can meet anywhere, usually in homes, apartments, dorms, or coffee shops that might sometimes be called home fellowships, or cell groups. Meetings can be designed to incorporate all of these functions into the weekly group agenda.

**Evangelism** - Groups provide accountability for relational evangelism and invite seekers to attend.

**Fellowship** - Groups work to develop an atmosphere of love and mutual care.

**Ministry** - Groups participate in various types of ministry and mission projects.

**Discipleship** - An emphasis is placed upon application of what is discovered in God's Word and the development of new leaders.

**Worship** - Group members worship with their lives through sharing stories, songs, prayers, and giving to needs.

**Reproduction** - Groups will intentionally multiply as they grow. Use reproducible methods and materials.

### How to Start a Group Ministry...

- Pray for a clear vision from God for the group.
- If possible, enlist the support of your church.
- Determine a place to meet and establish a start date.
- Consider ministry needs of children who will attend.
- Invite people to attend. Be sure to start with only a few Christians. Make room for new participants.
- Follow a simple and reproducible agenda. (The EDGE Group agenda is an example to learn from.)
- Encourage participation from all attendees.



Think of ways to creatively invite people to the launch of a new group?

## The EDGE Group Agenda

### Encourage One Another

As the gathering begins, spend time making sure everyone feels welcome.

- Get to know everyone by name and talk about life.
- Eat meals together.
- Have fun! Play games or use ice-breakers.
- Worship God through singing, scripture reading, praying, and sharing good things that God is doing.

### Discover God's Word (Discovery Questions)

Read or listen to the Bible (or watch Biblical scenes) and discuss...

- What did you like best?
- What did you like least?
- What did you not understand?
- What did you learn about God?
- What do you need to do about this?
- Choose a phrase or verse to take with you and meditate on this week.

### Grow into Christ likeness

Ask questions which promote application of God's Word and Christian growth.

- Since we last met, have you completed your Bible reading goal?
- Share any adjustments the Holy Spirit is leading you to make.
- Share victories you have experienced because of obedience.
- Share ways this group can pray for you as you obey Christ.

### EXIT into Their World

Make sure to remember our task - to be God's ambassadors. Spend time praying for your EXIT Strategy.

<b>E</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Pray for the lost</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Christ</b>	<b>Serve the lost</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>Intentional</b>	<b>Share Christ</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>Truth</b>	<b>Invite</b>

# EXPERIENCING CHURCH

*Helping others enjoy God's plan for church*

**How can a group experience church life?** This session will help you understand how to recognize how groups can perform the Biblical functions of church. It will also identify ways to lead a group towards connecting to an established church or becoming a new church.



## Read and Discuss Acts 2:42-47

- What can we learn from the early church about experiencing church life?

### The Functions of Church

Function	Biblical Mandate	How is your group performing those functions?	What actions could you take to improve in this area?
Worship	Psalms 149:1		
Fellowship	Hebrews 10:24		
Discipleship	Matthew 28:20		
Ministry	Ephesians 4:12		
Evangelism	Acts 1:8		
Prayer	James 5:13-16, Luke 10:2		

### Characteristics of Church Life



#### **Believers are Baptized**

Matthew 3:15, Matthew 28:18-20, and Romans 6:3-4



#### **The Lord's Supper is celebrated**

Matthew 26:26-30 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-29



#### **Tithes and Offerings are received**

Leviticus 27:30-31

### How can participants in your group experience church life?

- By continuing as a group...
  - If your group is performing most of the functions listed above, group members are already experiencing aspects of church life.
  - Healthy groups multiply – so focus on expanding the group's ministry by starting new groups.
- By connecting with a local church...
  - If the people being reached in your group are likely to connect with another church, then encourage participants to join an existing church.
  - Talk to your church about how your group relates to them.
- By planting a new church...
  - If the people being reached in your group are not likely to connect with another church, then there is a possibility a new church can be planted.
  - Your group can develop into a new church or can join with other groups to form a new church.



Talk with your group about these options. Encourage them to prayerfully consider God's will for their future direction.

# ESTABLISHING CHURCHES

God may be calling you to help plant a church, but that doesn't mean that you have to change careers and enter professional ministry. You can begin where you are; and sooner than you may think.

## The Apostle Paul's Steps to Church Planting

1. Receive a vision from God.
2. Enlist a team – share the vision.
3. Live the vision – be near the people God has called you to reach.
4. Find receptive people.
5. Evangelize non-believers.
6. Disciple people by building a core group.
7. Begin meeting as the new church.



- What steps have you taken?
- What are your next steps?

**Things to Consider when Forming a Church** – Here are some things that often need to be addressed in the life of a new church.

- Seek advice from others – your association can help you in this journey of planting a church.
- Develop additional leaders by empowering others to lead. Delegate responsibilities to others and utilize their spiritual gifts.
- Know your focus group and area of ministry. Conduct surveys and research to learn everything you can about what type of ministry is needed.
- Enter into a covenant relationship as a church body. Groups make a decision to become a church. A written covenant will record that decision and is needed for further administrative actions.
- Establish ministry guidelines and administrative systems:
  - How to collecting an offering
  - Financial policies and procedures
  - Childcare safety procedures
  - Obtain proper insurance coverage
- Register your new church legally with the Secretary of State, IRS, and other governmental agencies
- Connect with other churches and organizations by affiliating with your local association and state convention
- Enlarging your influence by multiplication – begin with a commitment to plant churches

## **Traits of Baptist Churches**

- Committed to the authority of scripture for faith and practice, while recognizing that all scripture is God-breathed.
- Submitted to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
- Visible, local body that is independent and autonomous.
- Composed of members who are regenerated by the Holy Spirit.
- Members covenanted together voluntarily for worship of and service to God.
- Observes the two ordinances of Christ:
  - **Baptism of believers** by immersion as profession of faith in Christ as initiatory rite for membership
  - **Lord's Supper** regularly observed by members in good standing as commemoration of the sacrifice of Christ
- Practices congregational polity.
- Practices church discipline.
- Scriptural officers are men who serve as pastors and deacons.

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## **Next Steps for Church Planting...**

Don't be overwhelmed by the activities that are sometimes involved in planting a new church. Jesus declared that, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Know that God will lead you and that others are available to help. Also, consider these and many other resources for your journey which can be found at [www.churchplantingvillage.net](http://www.churchplantingvillage.net).

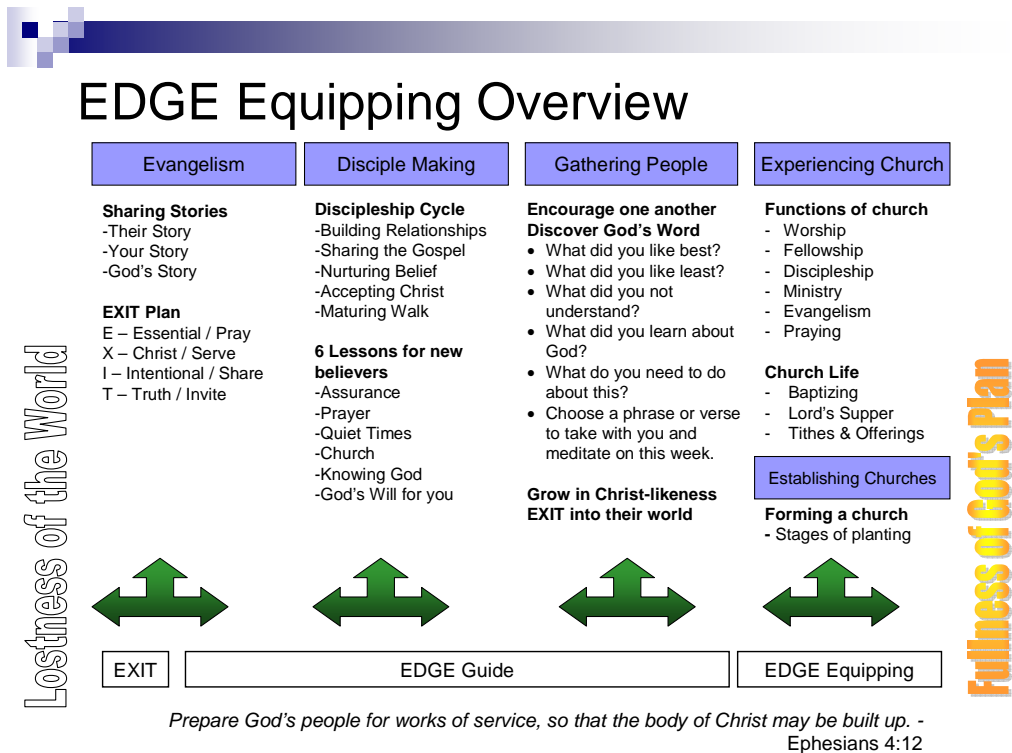
- eEquip – This will help you develop your personal learning plan in your development as a church planter.
- Basic Training for Church Planters – This course will assist you and your church in developing a church planting strategy. It is available in workshops, or in a self-paced webcast.

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **EDGE Website** – Our website contains additional resource for the EDGE at [www.churchplantingvillage.net](http://www.churchplantingvillage.net)
  - **EDGE Training Podcasts – RSS Feed** - <http://feeds.feedburner.com/edgeequipping>
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- **EXIT Guides** – These guides are available from the North American Mission Board. It is available at [www.studentz.com/exit](http://www.studentz.com/exit).
- **eQuip** - Equips people for connecting with a mentor, considering what skills and competencies they have and need, and choosing resources for relationship, knowledge, and skill development. \*
- **Laypeople in Church Planting: A Strategy Development Tool** – Designed to help churches and associations develop their lay church planting strategy. \*
- **Online Links...**
  - Visit [www.churchplantingvillage.net](http://www.churchplantingvillage.net) for resources related to church planting.
  - Visit [www.churchplantingmovements.com](http://www.churchplantingmovements.com) for resources about church planting movements.
  - Visit [www.kncsb.org/resources](http://www.kncsb.org/resources) for tips on getting started and Bible reading plans.
  - Visit [unl.christianchallenge.net](http://unl.christianchallenge.net) for tips on collegiate EDGE groups.
  - Visit [www.studentz.com](http://www.studentz.com) for help with student evangelism.
  - Visit [www.serendipityhouse.com](http://www.serendipityhouse.com) for Bible study books and resources. Free PDF previews.
- The **Billy Graham Christian Workers Handbook** is a valuable resource with Biblical answers to many common questions. (World Wide Publications, Minneapolis, Minn.)

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## Encourage one another

*“Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near.” Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT).*

**As the gathering begins, spend time making sure everyone feels welcome.**

- Get to know everyone by name and talk about life
- Eat meals together
- Have fun! Play games and use ice-breakers
- Worship God through singing, scripture reading, or prayer, and sharing good things God has done

## Discover God’s Word

*“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God’s way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do” 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT).*

**Read or listen to the Bible (or watch biblical scenes) and discuss...**

- What did you like best?
- What did you like least?
- What did you not understand?
- What did you learn about God?
- What do you need to do about this?
- Choose a phrase or verse to take with you and meditate on this week.

## Grow into Christ likeness

*Jesus said “I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me...My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be My disciples” John 15:5,8 (HCSB).*

**Ask questions which promote application of God’s Word: Spending time with God, Godly character and actions should be visible fruit.**

- Since we last met, have you completed your Bible reading goal?
- Share any adjustments the Holy Spirit is leading you to make.
- Share victories you have experienced because of obedience.
- Share ways this group can pray for you as you obey Christ.

### Suggestions for Bible Reading...

- Use a reading plan.
- Read large portions of the Bible in context – don’t skip around.
- If you are new to the Bible –
  - Start with the book of John to learn about Jesus.
  - Continue with the book of Acts to learn how the movement began.

## EXIT into their world

*Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: “God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I’ll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age” Matthew 28:18-22 (MSG).*

**Make sure to remember our role as God’s ambassadors. Spend time discussing your mission!**

EXIT is a way for you to invest in the lives of five non-Christians using a four-step process, while being held accountable through a small group of your friends.

	Emphasis	Activity
E	Essential	2-3 weeks of praying for your 5
X	Christ	2-3 weeks of Christ-like service to your 5
I	Intentional	2-3 weeks of intentional sharing with your 5
T	Truth	Invite your 5 to come, hear, and respond to the truth

My Five...

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
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**Tell Your Story**

Everyone has a story to tell. You can look for opportunities to share your story of salvation and help others respond to God's plan of redemption.

**Listen for Their Story:** Ask questions. Listen and learn. Look for opportunities to serve and to share.

**Share Your Story:**

Tell how God is making a difference in your life. Share a story about your salvation, or how you have experienced victory over sin.

- Describe your life before knowing Jesus.
- Explain how God changed you.
- Share recent blessings of being a Christian.

**Explain God's Story:** Use John 3:16, or Romans 3:23, to communicate God's plan of salvation.

**ASK**

- Does what I have been sharing make sense to you?
- Has anything similar happened to you?
- Would you like to belong to a community (or group) that meets to talk about the teachings of Jesus?
- Would you like to invite Jesus into your

Are you helping others to love Jesus as much as you do? Use scripture to lead new believers to understand:

- **Assurance of Salvation** - The new believer's new relationship is reconfirmed through scripture - Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Peter 3:18; John 10:28; 2 Corinthians 5:15; 1 John 1:9; 1 John 5:13
- **A Life of Prayer** - The new believer learns why to pray and how to pray. God has three answers – yes, no, and wait. - Luke 18:1; Ephesians 6:18; 1 Peter 5:7; Jeremiah 33:3; Philippians 4:6-7; 1 John 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:18
- **Daily Quiet Times** - To really know God we need to have regular close contact with Him. Set a regular time to meet with God - Genesis 19:27; Psalms 5:3; Daniel 6:10; Mark 1:35; Psalms 42:1-2
- **Understanding and Being Church** - Church is not a building, but a people – who can meet anywhere. The purposes of the church are worship, evangelism, discipleship, ministry, fellowship, and prayer - Romans 12:5; Ephesians 1:23 and 5:23; Acts 2:41-47; Luke 10:2
- **Knowing God** - Understanding God is a lifelong pursuit. What can we learn from these passages? Jeremiah 31:3; Ephesians 2:4-5; 1 John 3:1; Luke 15:11-24; 2 Thessalonians 3:3
- **God's Will for You** - The training has come full circle. Immediately begin sharing your story and leading people to Christ. A baptism celebration is a great way to share your faith with family and friends. 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

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**Encourage. Discover. Grow. Exit.**



Life on the EDGE can be exhilarating or extremely frightening. It depends on who you are with...

Jesus once said – “I have come that you may have abundant life!” Believing this is true, believers and explorers are walking closer to Him; and He is changing the way they grow, gather, and go.

This guide can help you grow personally in your walk with God, gather together with others in community, and go into the world with purpose and power.