

Garden City Disciple Making Training
Week 10: Pillar 5 (Part 2) - BE WITH CHRIST

- I. WELCOME...5
 - A. We are in part of of our Pillar “Go for Christ”
 - B. Begun a shift to outward focused
 - C. Last week, gospel tool, time **reflecting** on where we are in our heart as it relates to the great commission, identifying things that **hinder** us, and ask God for his **forgiveness** and **grace** to at least move one step closer to being all in for the great commission.
 - D. As we closed with our usual Share. Pray. Obey:
 - E. Any action step God gave you as a response to reflection last week
 - F. Matthew 9:38 or Luke 10:02 alarm**
 - G. How many shares to practice or to actually share?
 - H. Foundational passage

SLIDE:

And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons. -Mark 3:13-15

- II. SENT SATURDAYS...5
 - 1. Gerald
 - 2. Some are terrified, intrigued, excited. The goal is to be trained for every scenario.
 - 3. I believe that it is God’s desire that everyone of you experiences the joy and blessing of seeing fruit in your life.
- III. REVIEW...12
 - A. Quick review of our gospel sharing tool
 - B. Look at a few strategies on how to take the next steps with people based on how they respond
 - C. **Show board**
 - D. Sometimes the transition is the **hardest part starting convo.**

- E. **“May I draw you a picture of something that changed my life?”**
- F. There are many more open doors around us to share the gospel than we realize. They just don't always look the way we think they would.
- G. Let me illustrate. Gatherings at my home. People come to the door, and it's closed so they knock. The door unlocked. We just yell, “it's open!” and they come right in.
- H. Was the door literally open? No. But it was unlocked, just waiting for them to turn the knob.
- I. Lots of people just waiting
- J. **PHOTOS**
- K. ***As a reminder, this tool is best used for people you have no real opportunity to further engage with. When we talk about the discovery, we'll talk more about how to walk alongside in a way that is designed not just to see individuals, but households and social group
- L. Summarize 3 CIRCLES
- M. After I walk through, I invite with a few questions

SLIDE:

INVITATION TO RESPOND

- “If you are honest with me would you say you are in the broken world and adding to it, or have you turned from your sin to follow Christ and are growing closer to him everyday?”
- “Do you want to stay there?”
- “Do you feel God leading you to turn from your sin to follow Jesus?”
- “Do you feel like God is leading you to do that today?”

IV. Gospel Response Tool...10

- A. Those questions help evaluate where a person is, things should be conversational.
- B. Generally speaking, you'll be able to put them into one of three categories which we call red light, yellow light, and green light, to use the analogy of a traffic light.
- C. We see an example of all three of these reflected in Acts 17:30-34, after the apostle Paul preaches to a group in Athens.
- D. I'm going to draw a Gospel Response tool to help you remember them.
- E. **Fresh page, write “Gospel Responses” at the top of a new page, underline it, and write “Acts 17:30-34”.**

SLIDE:

30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.” 32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” 33 So Paul went out from their midst. 34 But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them. -Acts 17:30-34

F. As with Paul, we will have some people reject the gospel, some who show interest, and others that believe.

G. Like with the apostle Paul, some people will reject what you say, some will be open to hear more, and others will believe and follow Jesus. The key is knowing what to do when you experience each of these types of responses.

H. There is no formula **(repeat)**

I. But there is wisdom, intentionality, and strategy **(repeat)**

J. Let’s review our categories and talk about specific steps for each one.

V. DRAWING

A. Start–Draw a vertical rectangle with three circles inside, representing the traffic light.

B. Now, follow along as I draw. We’ll start with the red lights.

C. RED LIGHTS

D. Those who, like in verse 32, mock or immediately turn you away.

E. When you come to a red traffic light, it’s a sign that you need to stop and wait. Or, you can make a right turn and move on. When a person indicates to you that they are red lights, stop and just lovingly move on.

F. It doesn’t mean that you won’t ever share with them again. It just means that they are not ready yet. If you can, maintain the relationship and continue to pray for them and their salvation.

G. YELLOW

H. Yellow lights are those who, like the other group in verse 32, show interest or an openness to spiritual things, but are not quite ready to follow Christ.

I. When coming to a yellow light at an intersection, it is a sign to proceed, but with caution and wisdom. When a person expresses interest, lay a foundation to circle back around.

J. GREEN

K. Green lights are those who, like in verse 34, believe and choose to follow Jesus.

L. Lead them into baptism and a disciple making process.

XII. BREAKDOWN

A. We categorized those who express that they are not open to the Gospel or spiritual this as red light.

B. When you encounter someone who rejects the Gospel, don't take it personal; they have not rejected you.

C. Just like when you make a right turn and move on at a red light, when a person indicates they are red, just lovingly move on.

D. It doesn't mean you will never share with them again, it just means they are not ready right now. Red lights don't stay red forever. If you can, maintain the relationship and continue to pray for them and their salvation.

XIII. YELLOW / MAKE CONNECTIONS

A. We identified those who are not ready to follow Jesus, but are open to learning more as a yellow light.

B. When you encounter someone who seems open, make connections that will allow you to follow-up with them. There are three helpful questions that will allow you to do that.

C. The first is to ask, "May I add you to my prayer list and call you next week?"

D. This allows you to make a spiritual connection that creates a bridge for follow-up.

E. Actually pray and call them within the week so you can **maintain the familiarity** from your conversation with them.

F. The second is to ask, "Are there any specific situations or any needs I can pray for?"

G. Knowing a **specific** need or situation **makes your connection more personal** and allows you to ask the Lord if there is any way you can help meet that need.

H. Main prayer is for their salvation.

- I. **(COMMUNITY)** The third is to ask, “Is there anyone you know that could use prayer, as well?”
- J. This is where you will see great fruit
 - 1. Love-Shows you can
 - 2. Open- Open more about others with specifics
 - 3. Bridge- to reach rest of their community
- K. When they share, it creates a connection between you and the other person that not only could lead to bringing them to Christ, but also to reaching that entire circle of influence because you’ve impacted two people they know, not just one.
- L. Now that you’ve created three points of connection—adding them to your prayer list, asking about something specific to pray for, and asking about a friend or loved one to pray for—make sure to actually pray for them over the next week.
- M. If you're anything like me, it is easy to forget, but remember, no matter how nice we are, only Jesus can change hearts.

XIV. FOLLOW UP

- A. PRAYERS-Ask about the things you’ve been praying about—their situation and those in their community
- B. Did you tell them I’m praying for them? **Express genuine concern**, and
- C. Ask them to let the people know that you asked about them and are continuing to pray for them.
- D. SHARE.
 - 1. As I’ve been praying for you, this story came to mind that I think might be encouraging
 - 2. Share it with your friend.
- E. FOLLOW-UP
 - 1. NEW PRAYERS & STORY
- F. Not a formula. These are just helpful steps to navigate common scenarios.
- G. You will certainly **run into all kinds of different situations** that are not addressed here.
- H. As you **grow in experience and wisdom**, the Lord will show you what to do.

XV. Green Light

- A. When someone expresses a desire to follow Jesus and be baptized, we call those green lights. Here are four steps to help facilitate the process of baptism with them.

B. First, **HELP COUNT COST** (Luke 9:23)

SLIDE:

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." -Luke 9:23

C. **Keys–Self denial (give up), Daily cross (be hard)**

D. The second step is to **POINT TO BAPTISM**. (Acts 2:36 41)

SLIDE:

36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." 37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

E. **KEY–REPENT. FIRST STEP. HOLY SPIRIT.**

F. May I show you how he works through baptism?

G. Now this might seem like a pretty obvious step, but many people have a very hard time transitioning the conversation from following Christ to taking the step of baptism.

H. That's why we incorporate it into the 3-circles, and that's why I want to give you a couple pointers.

I. **EXPLAIN BAPTISM (ROMANS 6:1-4)**

SLIDE:

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

J. **KEY–DEATH. BURIAL. NEW LIFE**

1. Before we transitioned from the topic of repentance to baptism, but now we need to **actually explain it**.

K. **PLAN BAPTISM**

1. Help them plan the details and logistics of the baptism by asking the following questions:

- L. “**WHO** do you know that would want to support your decision to be baptized?”
1. This question helps to reaffirm that you are **not seeking to draw them** into some unknown world all by themselves, and **helps to reduce any anxiety** they might be feeling about taking this very significant step.
 2. It also will give you access to their community and open the door for you to reach them, as well.
- M. “**WHERE** would you like to be baptized?”
1. Explain that you only need water, and give them options like a bathtub, a swimming pool or a local body of water.
- N. **WHEN** would you like to be baptized?”
1. Try to get as specific as possible, **including the day and the time**.
- O. **SHARE**. Encourage them to share all the details with their loved ones, especially those they identified as supporters.

XVI. PRACTICE

- A. What do I do and say.
- B. Matthew 28 Romans 6

SLIDE:

Matthew 28:19 - Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

Romans 6:3 - Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

- C. How many have baptized someone
- D. Practice

XVII. FRUIT...7

- A. Jesus had a lot to say about fruit. Generally speaking, Matt-Luke are about internal fruit, our character
- B. As John often does, he gives us a different perspective than the others
- C. His book is about eternal life, so highlights the fruit of bringing people into the kingdom

SLIDE:

“My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work,” Jesus told them. 35 “Don’t you say, ‘There are still four more months, and then comes the harvest’? Listen to what I’m telling you: Open your eyes and look at the fields, because they are ready for harvest. 36 The reaper is already receiving pay and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together.” -John 4:34-36

D. Jesus has some very encouraging and sobering things to say about fruit

SLIDE:

1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. -John 15:1-8

E. Overview

1. Cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit
2. Every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to be even more fruitful
3. Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit,
4. Showing yourselves to be my disciples

F. Listed to how Jesus ties fruit to the very reason we were called in John 15:16

SLIDE:

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide...”

G. Sounds a little like Mark 3:13-15 right?

H. He chose us and appointed us to go, which is the name of the pillar we are learning

XVIII. **CLOSING**

A. Share. Pray. Obey.

SLIDE:

Share: Draw the tool for someone you feel comfortable with (read & practice first).

Pray: Matthew 9:38 or Luke 10:02 alarm

Obey: Review the break down for Yellow Light and Green Light

B. Sanctuary and Eden Center, please help with tables.

C. Trash and Extra supplies