

COMMANDS OF CHRIST

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OBJECTIVE

To equip followers of Jesus to simply obey His commands.

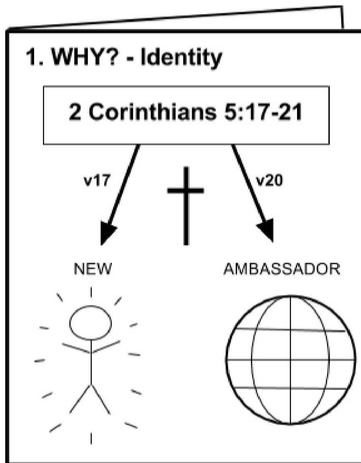
WHERE TO BEGIN...

411

Read Matthew 28:18-20, where Jesus says, "Go and make disciples".

The "411" Training equips Jesus' followers to make disciples by answering these 4 questions in 1 hour (or less) on 1 sheet of paper:

1. WHY make disciples?
2. WHO to reach?
3. WHAT to say?
4. WHEN to get started?



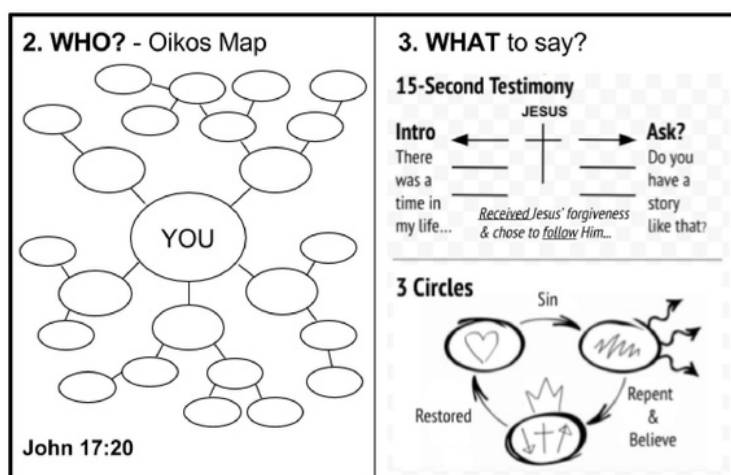
Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

We see in these verses that if you are in Christ Jesus, these two things are true of you because of Jesus:

v17 (person) - You have been made NEW! He has forgiven all your sins.

v20 (globe) - He has given you a new identity as His ambassador

You cannot separate these two. You cannot become new without being an ambassador of Jesus and you cannot be an ambassador of Jesus without being made new.



4. WHEN? - Schedule Goals

-Pray for oikos: _____
(Daily Time)

-Share Gospel: _____
(Name / Time)

-Train 411: _____
(Name / Time)

-Start the Commands of Christ: -When? _____
-Where? _____
-Who Else? _____

(www.ObeyChrist.com for Commands of Christ)

See pages 21-25 for more information on these evangelism tools.

See yfc.org.au/411 for more information on the 411.

COMMAND #1:

REPENT & BELIEVE

CARE

Care for each other by giving a brief life update & cast vision for loving accountability.

VISION

Read Acts 2:36-47 and draw the church circle (see appendices) to cast vision for healthy church.

The way you become a part of a healthy church is to repent & believe. We are going to learn from the Bible about Jesus' command to repent & believe.

READ THE COMMAND:

In Mark 1:15, Jesus says..

TELL THE STORY:

The sinful woman from Luke 7:36-50

RETELL THE STORY TOGETHER

from Luke 7:36-50

READ THE STORY ALOUD

from Luke 7:36-50

DISCOVER

Pray, then use the Sword Bible Study method (see appendices) to discuss the story in Luke 7, and reveal its meaning for our lives.

- What do we learn from the story about GOD?
- What do we learn from the PEOPLE in the story?
- Is there anything from the story Jesus wants us to OBEY?

PRACTICE

Practice retelling the story.

EXPLORE (optional)

1. What does "repent" mean? Turning from sin & following Jesus.
2. What does "believe" mean? Choosing to trust Jesus as Lord.
3. Why should we repent? Read Romans 3:23, 6:23, 10:9
4. Who should repent? Acts 2:38-41 - everyone must repent.
5. What is reassurance? 1 John 1:9 - He is faithful to forgive.

SET GOALS- OATS

Obey: Confess your sins before the Lord. Turn from them and live a new life in Jesus.

Abide: Begin reading 2-4 chapters in Mark a day, and pray daily.

Train: You need to train your disciples in this. If you don't yet have a disciple, who can you practice with this week?

Share: Who from your OIKOS map will you share the gospel with this week?

COMMISSION / PRAY

Ask God for His power to help you obey these goals.

COMMAND #2:

BE BAPTISED

CARE

Ask how everyone is doing (share a brief update, listen, pray, encourage).

LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY

Give an account of your obedience to the goals you set last week.

VISION

Read Acts 2:36-47 and draw the church circle to cast vision for healthy church.

READ THE COMMAND:

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus says..

TELL THE STORY

of Phillip and the new believer from Acts 8:26-39

RETELL THE STORY TOGETHER

READ THE STORY ALOUD

DISCOVER

Pray, then use the Sword Bible Study method to discuss the story, and reveal its meaning for our lives.

PRACTICE

Practice retelling the story.

EXPLORE (optional)

1. What does baptism? Romans 6:3-4 - a symbol of our death and resurrection in Jesus.
2. Why should we be baptised? Matthew 3:13-15 - Jesus was baptised, we should be too.
3. Who should be baptised? Acts 2:8 - everyone who repents and believes.
4. How should we be baptised? Matthew 3:16 - Jesus went down into the water.

SET GOALS- OATS

Obey: If you have not yet obeyed Jesus through baptism, find some water and get baptised.

Abide: Begin reading 2-4 chapters in Luke a day, and pray daily.

Train: You need to train your disciples in this. If you don't yet have a disciple, who can you practice with this week?

Share: Who from your OIKOS map will you share the gospel with this week?

COMMISSION / PRAY

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COMMAND #3:

PRAY

CARE

Ask how everyone is doing (share a brief update, listen, pray, encourage).

LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY

Give an account of your obedience to the goals you set last week.

VISION

Read Acts 2:36-47 and draw the church circle to cast vision for healthy church.

READ THE COMMAND:

In Matthew 6:9-13 Jesus says..

TELL THE STORY:

Jesus teaches about prayer in Matthew 6:5-15.

RETELL THE STORY TOGETHER

READ THE STORY ALOUD

DISCOVER

Pray, then use the Sword Bible Study method to discuss the story, and reveal its meaning for our lives.

PRACTICE

Practice retelling the story.

EXPLORE (optional)

1. Why do we pray? Matthew 6:9-13 - He hears. We desire His will on Earth.
2. How do we pray? By simply talking with God.

SET GOALS- OATS

Obey: Commit to praying daily. Pray for the lost and for more labourers (Luke 10:2).

Abide: Continue reading 2-4 chapters in Luke a day, and pray daily.

Train: You need to train your disciples in this. If you don't yet have a disciple, who can you practice with this week?

Share: Who from your OIKOS map will you share the gospel with this week?

COMMISSION / PRAY

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COMMAND #4:

GO...MAKE DISCIPLES

CARE

Ask how everyone is doing (share a brief update, listen, pray, encourage).

LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY

Give an account of your obedience to the goals you set last week.

VISION

Read Acts 2:36-47 and draw the church circle to cast vision for healthy church.

READ THE COMMAND:

In Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus says..

TELL THE STORY:

The Samaritan woman from John 4:4-42.

RETELL THE STORY TOGETHER

READ THE STORY ALOUD

DISCOVER

Pray, then use the Sword Bible Study method to discuss the story, and reveal its meaning for our lives.

PRACTICE

Practice retelling the story, and doing the 3 Circles.

EXPLORE (optional)

1. Who should we share with? John 4:16 - our friends, families, and neighbours.
2. What should we say? John 4:29 - the woman shared her story and the gospel.
3. Who is qualified to go? Every believer.
4. How should we go? Luke 10:1-11.

SET GOALS- OATS

Obey: Commit to making disciples by praying, sharing & training others.

Abide: Continue reading 2-4 chapters in John a day, and pray daily.

Train: You need to train your disciples in this. If you don't yet have a disciple, who can you practice with this week?

Share: Who from your OIKOS map will you share the gospel with this week?

COMMISSION / PRAY

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COMMAND #5:

LOVE

CARE

Ask how everyone is doing (share a brief update, listen, pray, encourage).

LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY

Give an account of your obedience to the goals you set last week.

VISION

Read Acts 2:36-47 and draw the church circle to cast vision for healthy church.

READ THE COMMAND:

In Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus says..

TELL THE STORY:

The Good Samaritan from Luke 10:25-37.

RETELL THE STORY TOGETHER

READ THE STORY ALOUD

DISCOVER

Pray, then use the Sword Bible Study method to discuss the story, and reveal its meaning for our lives.

PRACTICE

Practice retelling the story, and doing the 3 Circles.

EXPLORE (optional)

1. What is love? John 15:13, 1 Corinthians 13
2. Why do we love? John 13:34-45 - because He first loved us.
3. Who do we love? Matthew 22:37-39 - God first, and then our neighbours (everyone).
4. How do we love? John 14:15, 21:17 - obeying Jesus & telling others about Him.

SET GOALS- OATS

Obey: Take time each day to intentionally show love by helping family & friends, and reconciling with those you haven't shown love to or hold bitterness towards.

Abide: Continue reading 2-4 chapters in John a day, and pray daily.

Train: You need to train your disciples in this. If you don't yet have a disciple, who can you practice with this week?

Share: Who from your OIKOS map will you share the gospel with this week?

COMMISSION / PRAY

Ask God for His power to help you obey these goals.

COMMAND #6:

WORSHIP

CARE

Ask how everyone is doing (share a brief update, listen, pray, encourage).

LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY

Give an account of your obedience to the goals you set last week.

VISION

Read Acts 2:36-47 and draw the church circle to cast vision for healthy church.

READ THE COMMAND:

In Matthew 4:10 Jesus says..

TELL THE STORY:

The Philippian jailer in Acts 16:25-34.

RETELL THE STORY TOGETHER

READ THE STORY ALOUD

DISCOVER

Pray, then use the Sword Bible Study method to discuss the story, and reveal its meaning for our lives.

PRACTICE

Practice retelling the story, and doing the 3 Circles.

SET GOALS- OATS

Obey: Decide how you as a church will worship the Lord together.

Abide: Continue reading 2-4 chapters in Matthew a day, and pray daily.

Train: You need to train your disciples in this. If you don't yet have a disciple, who can you practice with this week?

Share: Who from your OIKOS map will you share the gospel with this week?

COMMISSION / PRAY

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COMMAND #7:

LORD'S SUPPER

CARE

Ask how everyone is doing (share a brief update, listen, pray, encourage).

LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY

Give an account of your obedience to the goals you set last week.

VISION

Read Acts 2:36-47 and draw the church circle to cast vision for healthy church.

READ THE COMMAND:

In Matthew 26:26-28 Jesus says..

TELL THE STORY:

Jesus' Last Supper from Luke 22:7-20.

RETELL THE STORY TOGETHER

READ THE STORY ALOUD

DISCOVER

Pray, then use the Sword Bible Study method to discuss the story, and reveal its meaning for our lives.

PRACTICE

Practice retelling the story, and doing the 3 Circles.

EXPLORE (optional)

1. What is the Lord's Supper? 1 Corinthians 11:26 - a symbol of the Lord's death.
2. Why do we take the supper? 1 Corinthians 11:26 - Remembrance of His body & blood.
3. How do we receive the supper? 1 Corinthians 11:27-29
4. Who should receive the supper? Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, baptised disciples.

SET GOALS- OATS

Obey: Celebrate the Lord's Supper together as believers.

Abide: Continue reading 2-4 chapters in Matthew a day, and pray daily.

Train: You need to train your disciples in this. If you don't yet have a disciple, who can you practice with this week?

Share: Who from your OIKOS map will you share the gospel with this week?

COMMISSION / PRAY

Ask God for His power to help you obey these goals.

COMMAND #8:

GIVE

CARE

Ask how everyone is doing (share a brief update, listen, pray, encourage).

WORSHIP

Prayer, songs, Lord's Supper.

LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY

Give an account of your obedience to the goals you set last week.

VISION

Read Acts 2:36-47 and draw the church circle to cast vision for healthy church.

READ THE COMMAND:

In Matthew 6:1-4 Jesus says..

TELL THE STORY:

The Widow Gives from Mark 12:41-44

RETELL THE STORY TOGETHER

READ THE STORY ALOUD

DISCOVER

Pray, then use the Sword Bible Study method to discuss the story, and reveal its meaning for our lives.

PRACTICE

Practice retelling the story, and doing the 3 Circles.

EXPLORE (optional)

1. What should we give to God? Our money, time, our lives.
2. Why should we give to God? 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 - God loves a cheerful giver.
3. How do we give to God? 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Matthew 6:1-4 - cheerfully, in secret.
4. Who do we give to? UP to the movement, IN to the church, OUT to the community.

SET GOALS- OATS

Obey: Decide how your church will give UP, IN, and OUT.

Abide: Begin reading 2-4 chapters in Acts a day, and pray daily.

Train: You need to train your disciples in this. If you don't yet have a disciple, who can you practice with this week?

Share: Who from your OIKOS map will you share the gospel with this week?

COMMISSION / PRAY

Ask God for His power to help you obey these goals.

COMMAND #9:

GATHER

CARE

Ask how everyone is doing (share a brief update, listen, pray, encourage).

WORSHIP

Prayer, songs, Lord's Supper.

LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY

Give an account of your obedience to the goals you set last week.

VISION

Read Acts 2:36-47 and draw the church circle to cast vision for healthy church.

READ THE COMMAND:

In Hebrews 10:24-25 Jesus says..

TELL THE STORY:

The first church from Acts 2:36-47

RETELL THE STORY TOGETHER

READ THE STORY ALOUD

DISCOVER

Pray, then use the Sword Bible Study method to discuss the story, and reveal its meaning for our lives.

PRACTICE

Practice retelling the story, and doing the 3 Circles.

EXPLORE (optional)

1. Who is the church? Acts 2:41 - baptised believers in Jesus.
2. What does a church gathering do? Acts 2:38-47 - revisit the church circle.
3. When does a church gather? Acts 2:46, Hebrews 10:24-25 - regularly.
4. Where does a church gather? Acts 2:46, 5:42, 17:5-7, 19:9, 20:20 - homes.
5. Why does the church gather? 1 Corinthians 10:31, Hebrews 10:24-25.

SET GOALS- OATS

Obey: Commit to becoming or joining a local church.

Abide: Continue reading 2-4 chapters in Acts a day, and pray daily.

Train: You need to train your disciples in this. If you don't yet have a disciple, who can you practice with this week?

Share: Who from your OIKOS map will you share the gospel with this week?

COMMISSION / PRAY

Ask God for His power to help you obey these goals.

COMMAND #10:

LONG-TERM DISCIPLESHIP

CARE

Ask how everyone is doing (share a brief update, listen, pray, encourage).

WORSHIP

Prayer, songs, Lord's Supper, giving.

LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY

Give an account of your obedience to the goals you set last week.

VISION

Read Acts 2:36-47 and draw the church circle to cast vision for healthy church.

READ THE SCRIPTURE ALOUD:

Mark 1:1-8

READ THE SCRIPTURE TO YOURSELF.

DISCOVER

Pray, then use the Sword Bible Study method with SPEC questions to discuss the passage:

Sin to avoid?

Promise to claim?

Example to follow?

Command to obey?

PRACTICE

Practice retelling the stories throughout the Commands of Christ.

SET GOALS- OATS

Obey: Commit to long term discipleship using the 3 3rds format (see appendices).

Abide: Continue reading 2-4 chapters in Acts a day, and pray daily.

Train: Who (Christian) will you train this week?

Share: Who (far from God) will you share the gospel with this week?

COMMISSION / PRAY

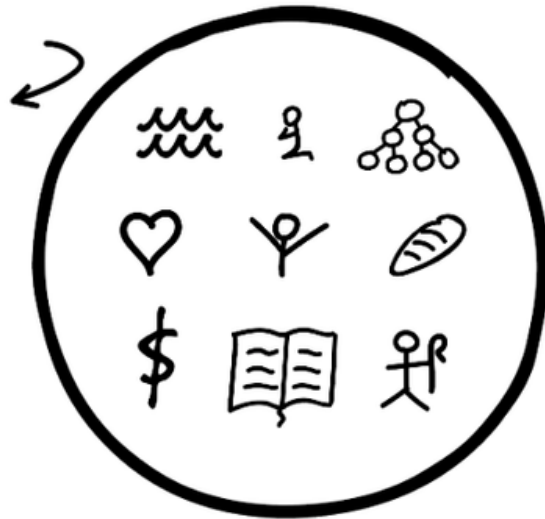
Pray as the Lord directs you to, but remember to continue praying for boldness and wisdom to share the gospel and make disciples. Also, continue praying for those who are far from God on your OIKOS map. Pray for churches. Pray for labourers. Pray God would accomplish His mission in and through your gathering until there is #NoPlaceLeft.

APPENDICES

Healthy Church Circle:

Teach new believers the essential elements of a church.

www.yfc.org.au/healthy_church_circle



Sword Bible Study Method:

Three simple questions to ask after reading scripture to help anyone study the bible and apply it to their life. See: www.yfc.org.au/sword

The 3 3rds:

The 3/3rds is a simple and helpful discipleship format for churches, small groups, Jesus Hubs, or mentoring sessions.

Look Back

1. Care
2. Accountability
3. Vision

Look Up

4. New Bible Lesson
5. Practice

Look Ahead

6. Set Goals
7. Commission/Pray

NOTE: If we take out the more challenging elements (accountability; vision; practice and goal setting) we paralyse growth!

You will notice that the Commands of Christ has been arranged into a 3/3rds format.