

INFUSION # 13

THREE EPIC QUESTIONS

Outreach Influence Team

Meeting Preparation

For the best experience of learning and transformation, please take time to do the following three things:

Read: *Organic Disciples* (Chapters 1-3)

- Chapter 1 - “How Can I Know I Am Growing as a Disciple?”
- Chapter 2 - “Is Discipleship Bigger Than My Relationship with Jesus?”
- Chapter 3 – “What Is the Relationship between Discipleship and Evangelism?”

Pray: Ask God to help you see the biblical connection of discipleship and evangelism. Pray that as you grow in Jesus, you will learn to go with Him on mission.

Action: First, do the Spiritual Markers Assessment found on the Organic Outreach website (organicoutreach.org) in the Congregation/Individual Resources section. Save your results.

Second, look closely at the diagram of the umbrella in chapter one. Read the nine fruit of the Spirit that are on the umbrella out loud. Ask God to grow each of these in you so that the Holy Spirit guides every step of your spiritual growth. Then, read the seven markers of maturity that are under the umbrella. Ask God to help you see how each of these can unleash the evangelistic power of heaven in the world around you.

Infusion Focus

The three foundational questions we will focus on in this infusion are:

1. How can I know I am growing as a disciple?
2. Is discipleship bigger than my relationship with Jesus?
3. What is the relationship between discipleship and evangelism?

We will learn that when the fruit of the Spirit governs our spiritual growth, and we see that discipleship is much bigger than our personal relationship with Jesus, we will experience the marriage of discipleship and evangelism that God intended.





Opening Scripture and Prayer

Read: Matthew 28:18-20 (2 minutes for Scripture and prayer)

Pray: Pray for a new and deeper understanding of discipleship that draws you closer to Jesus more than you have ever been and pray for humble boldness to share your faith in organic and Holy Spirit-led ways.



Share: In chapter two of your reading, you learned about the four generations of spiritual growth. Tell about a person who has taken your hand and helped you grow in your Christian faith (in the past or presently). How has God used this person to help you grow in Jesus and/or go with Jesus on mission? (8 minutes)



The One-Degree Rule: Three Minutes to Share It
(7 minutes)

Break into pairs and have each person respond to these questions for 2-3 minutes:

- What is your personal outreach temperature right now? (i.e., your passion for the Gospel, love for the lost, and engagement with non-believers)
- Who is one non-believing person whose hand you are holding as you help them walk toward Jesus? (If you can't think of anyone, then who is one person you would like to help walk toward Jesus?)
- How can you be more intentional about being discipled and discipling others?

My Infusion Strategy: Follow-up (5 minutes)

In our last infusion meeting, we focused on telling the story of Jesus. Were you able to teach the Gospel or share the Gospel within the last month? If so, share about your experience, and if not, share about one person you would love to share the Gospel with in the coming month.



Learning Theme 1: Understanding the Seven Ingredients in the Spiritual Growth Recipe (8 minutes)

Read the seven spiritual growth markers (on page 7 of *Organic Disciples*) along with their brief definitions.

Discuss:

- How can each of these help us grow to be more like Jesus?
- What is one marker that needs to grow in your life, and how can you take a step forward in this area?
- Why are all seven of the markers needed if we are going to be strong in faith and effective in our witness to lost people?

Learning Theme 2: Four Generations of Discipleship (8 minutes)

Practice leading each other in a prayer to accept Jesus. Use the ideas, outline, and tools found toward the end of chapter 13 of *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People*.

Read: 2 Timothy 2:2 and Psalm 78:5-7

Notice how each of these passages paints a picture of at least four generations of discipling relationships.

Discuss:

- Why is it so important that every believer has one hand reaching up and connecting to a spiritually mature person who is helping them grow?
- Why is it equally important for every believer to reach out to someone younger in faith, take their hand, and help them grow in Jesus and go with Him on His mission?
- What amazing spiritual things could happen if every Christian were being discipled, discipling someone else, and teaching the person they were discipling to do the same?

Learning Theme 3: Celebrating the Marriage of Discipleship and Evangelism (8 minutes)

Watch the brief video about the relationship of discipleship and evangelism.
(put video link in and time)

Discuss:

- Respond to this statement: If we are reading our Bible, praying a lot, going to church regularly, and living out the other markers of spiritual growth, **but** we are not reaching out with the love of Jesus and sharing the Good News of our Savior, we are not really mature in our faith.
 - On pages 22 & 23 of *Organic Disciples*, we read ten examples of discipleship. What is another simple example of one believer taking the hand of someone and helping them grow closer to Jesus?
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Planning

Discussion and Collaboration: (5 minutes)

- What outreach event, ministry, or strategy are you engaging in (in your area of ministry) in the next three months, and how can others (OIT members) pray and support you?
 - What is happening for outreach in the life of the whole church in the next six months, and how can the members of the OIT help this succeed? How can you be praying for a powerful work of God through this outreach?
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My Infusion Strategy: How will I infuse what I have learned this month about one or more of the three epic questions (and the answers) into my Level 4 Ministry Leaders and beyond? (4 minutes on your own to write down ideas)

Identify:
Person/Group/Team

Write Down:
Infusion Strategy/Action

How can I help the participants in my area of ministry understand the three epic questions and the answers we discussed?

Closing Prayer: Pray together for... (5 minutes)

- Each group member to grow in all seven of the markers of spiritual maturity (with the fruit of the Spirit guiding them).
 - Each group member to be sure they always have someone in their life who is helping them grow up in faith and at least one person they are helping become more and more like Jesus.
 - God to help you grow deep in your faith in Jesus and then follow Jesus on His mission to find lost sheep who need to come home to the Savior.
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Read: Matthew 28:18-20 (2 minutes for Scripture and prayer)

Pray: Pray for a new and deeper understanding of discipleship that draws you closer to Jesus more than you have ever been and pray for humble boldness to share your faith in organic and Holy Spirit-led ways.



Share: Share about a person who has taken your hand and helped you grow in your Christian faith (in the past or presently). How has God used this person to help you grow in Jesus and go with Jesus on mission? (5 minutes)



The One-Degree Rule: Three Minutes to Share It
(5 minutes)

Break into pairs and have each person respond to these questions for 2 minutes:

- What is your personal outreach temperature right now? (i.e., your passion for the Gospel, love for the lost, and engagement with non-believers)
 - Who is one non-believing person whose hand you are holding as you help them walk toward Jesus? (If you can't think of anyone, then who is one person you would like to help walk toward Jesus?)
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Learning Theme 1: Understanding the Seven Ingredients in the Spiritual Growth Recipe (4 minutes)

Read the seven spiritual growth markers (on page 7 of Organic Disciples) along with their brief definitions.

Discuss:

- What is one marker that needs to grow in your life, and how can you take a step forward in this area?
- Why are all seven of the markers needed if we are going to be strong in faith and effective in our witness to lost people?

Learning Theme 2: Four Generations of Discipleship (4 minutes)

Read: 2 Timothy 2:2 and Psalm 78:5-7

Look at how each of these passages paints a picture of at least four generations of discipling relationships.

Discuss:

- Why is it so important that every believer has one hand reaching up and connecting to a spiritually mature person who is helping them grow?
- Why is it equally important for every believer to reach out to someone younger in faith, take their hand, and help them grow in Jesus and go with Him on His mission?

Learning Theme 3: Celebrating the Marriage of Discipleship and Evangelism (4 minutes)

Discuss:

- Respond to this statement: If we are reading our Bible, praying a lot, going to church regularly, and living out the other markers of spiritual growth, but we are not reaching out with the love of Jesus and sharing the good news of our Savior, we are not really mature in our faith.
 - What is one simple example of one believer taking the hand of someone and helping them grow closer to Jesus?
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Discussion and Collaboration (4 minutes)

- What is happening for outreach in the life of the whole church in the next six months, and how can you help this ministry succeed? How can you be praying for a powerful work of God through this outreach?
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Closing Prayer: Pray together for... (2 minutes)

- Consistent growth in all seven of the markers of spiritual maturity (with the fruit of the Spirit guiding you).
 - A consistent lifestyle where you have someone in your life who is helping you grow up in faith and at least one person you are helping become more and more like Jesus.
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Read: Matthew 28:18-20 (2 minutes for Scripture and prayer)

Pray: Pray for a new and deeper understanding of discipleship that draws you closer to Jesus more than you have ever been and pray for humble boldness to share your faith in organic and Holy Spirit-led ways.



Share: Have someone share about a person who has taken their hand and helped them grow in their Christian faith (in the past or presently). How has God used this person to help them grow in Jesus and go with Him on mission? (3 minutes)



The One-Degree Rule: One Minute to Share It
(3 minutes)

- Break into pairs and have each person respond to these questions in 1 minute:
- What is your personal outreach temperature right now? (i.e., your passion for the Gospel, love for the lost, and engagement with non-believers)
- Who is one non-believing person whose hand you are holding as you help them walk toward Jesus? (If you can't think of anyone, then who is one person you would like to help walk toward Jesus?)



Learning Theme 1: Understanding the Seven Ingredients in the Spiritual Growth Recipe (2 minutes)

- Read the seven spiritual growth markers (on page 7 of Organic Disciples) along with their brief definitions.

Learning Theme 2: Four Generations of Discipleship (2 minutes)

- Read: 2 Timothy 2:2 and Psalm 78:5-7
- Look at how each of these passages paints a picture of at least four generations of discipling relationships.



Discussion and Collaboration (2 minutes)

- What is happening for outreach in the life of the whole church in the next six months, and how can you help this ministry succeed? How can you be praying for a powerful work of God through this outreach?

Closing Prayer: Pray together for... (1 minute)

- A consistent lifestyle where you have someone in your life who is helping you grow up in faith and at least one person you are helping become more and more like Jesus.