

I N F U S I O N # 1 4

BIBLE ENGAGEMENT
Outreach Influence Team

Meeting Preparation

For the best experience of learning and transformation, please take some time to do the following three things before your outreach gathering:

Read: *Organic Disciples* (Chapters 4-6)

- Chapter 4 – “The Living Word Loved the Written Word”
- Chapter 5 – “So Many Bibles, So Little Time”
- Chapter 6 – “The World Needs Good News”

Also, read pages 71-74 in *Organic Outreach for Churches*, and reflect on the Mind Shift from Mush to Clarity.

Pray: Thank God for giving us His Holy Spirit-breathed Word. Ask God to help you learn, love, and live the teachings of the Bible with such passion that the world can see Jesus alive and at work in you.

Action: If you don’t have a regular rhythm of reading the Bible on a daily basis, start today. Read one chapter of the Gospel of John each day and look for two themes. First, what do you learn about Jesus? Second, what did Jesus do and say that drew people toward Him as the Savior?

Infusion Focus

The Bible is the written Word of God. Jesus loved the Scriptures, and He often quoted the Old Testament and used biblical teaching as the foundation of His preaching. When we study and follow the teaching of the Bible, we naturally go into the world and share the love and message of Jesus. Growing in the Scriptures leads us outward with the Gospel of our Lord.





Opening Scripture and Prayer

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:20-21 (3 minutes)

Pray: Ask God to help you understand how reading and following the teachings of the Bible should grow your heart for lost people and lead you into the world with an understanding that you are called to be a missionary wherever you go.



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

Break into pairs and share.

- What is your outreach temperature over this past month?
 - What seems to raise your evangelistic passion and what cools it off?
 - What is a story in the Bible that raises your outreach temperature and grows your heart to see lost people come to faith in Jesus?
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My Infusion Strategy: Follow-up (5 minutes)

Have 1-2 people share how they taught other people about what they learned last month in your infusion time (about the relationship between discipleship and evangelism).



Share: Respond to one of the prompts below:
(10 minutes)

- Tell about a passage in the Bible that helps you understand the love and forgiveness God offers us through faith in Jesus.
 - Tell about a passage in the Bible that helps you understand God's call for all Christians to do their best to naturally share the message of salvation that is offered through faith in Jesus.
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Learning Theme: How Loving the Bible Helps Us Love Lost People (15 minutes)

Truth: Jesus Loved the Bible

In His darkest moments, Jesus quoted Scripture. All through His ministry, Jesus referenced and taught messages from the Old Testament. It is clear that Jesus' heart was saturated with Scripture.

Discuss:

- What is an Old Testament prophecy that shows us Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah? (*Organic Disciples*, pages 29-30)
- Why do you think the words of the Old Testament were so important to Jesus?
- How did Jesus use the Bible in the spiritual battles He faced?

Truth: We Need to Learn and Follow the Teaching of the Bible

A disciple is a follower of Jesus. We seek to be like our leader. This means we need to learn the messages of the whole Bible and follow what it teaches. Faithful Christians love, learn from, and live out the written Word of God.

Discuss:

- How does the Bible fit into a normal day of your life?
- How would you like to go deeper into God's Word, and what is one step you can take to do this?

Truth: Biblical Christians Follow Jesus on His Mission

When we read the Bible, we learn that God loves wandering sheep and wants them to come home to Him. In the Gospels, we are called to “make disciples of all people.” The Book of Jonah shows that God loves very broken people and wants His followers to reach out to people who seem highly resistant to faith. In other words, the more we read and understand the Bible, the more we should join God in reaching the world with His love.

Discuss:

- Who is someone in your life that is a lost sheep, and how can you partner with Jesus in reaching out to this person with God’s love and truth?
- Most Christians know the Bible is filled with passages that call us to share our faith in natural ways. What keeps us from following through on this call (even when we really want to do it)?

BONUS: The Mind Shift from Mush to Clarity. This is a shift away from mushy thinking with a weak engagement with Scripture and hazy theology. If we want to reach the world with the Gospel, we need to know what we believe, hold to the Word of God, and have sound and biblical theology. This is clarity of belief. As we shift from mushy religious platitudes to clear and strong convictions about what we believe (and who we believe in), we are ready to reach the world with the Good News of Jesus. (5 minutes)

Discuss: What helps Christians and the Church clarify and hold to biblical beliefs without compromise?



Discussion and Collaboration: (6 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 all be praying for a powerful work of God through this outreach?

My Infusion Strategy: How will I teach people I influence (my Level 4 Ministry Leaders) that learning and loving the Bible should lead us outward on mission with Jesus? (4 minutes)

Identify:
Person/Group/Team

Write Down:
Infusion Strategy/Action

Closing Prayer: Pray together... (4 minutes)

- Thank God for using His Word to call us into mission with Jesus, the Great Shepherd and lover of lost sheep.
 - Ask for discipline to read and love the Bible and for a heart that is ready to hear God's clear call to reach out with the good news of Jesus Christ.
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Read: 2 Corinthians 5:20-21 (2 minutes)

Pray: Ask God to help you understand how reading and following the teachings of the Bible should grow your heart for lost people and lead you into the world with an understanding that you are called to be a missionary wherever you go.



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

Break into pairs and share:

- What is your outreach temperature over this past month?
 - What is a story in the Bible that raises your outreach temperature and grows your heart to see lost people come to faith in Jesus?
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Share: Respond to one of the prompts below:
(5 minutes)

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Learning Theme: How Loving the Bible Helps Us Love Lost People (11 minutes)

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The One-Degree Rule: One Minute to Share It (2 minutes)

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