

Life2Life

Learning to live as a witness for Jesus in my everyday encounters.

Disciplemaking Workbook

The Ten Lifestyle Priorities of an Effective Witness for Jesus

1. A sense of 'sentness' in every circumstance and encounter
2. Building real friendships with non-Christian people
3. Helping people take the next step on their journey towards Christ
4. Praying regularly by name for the people in my life who don't know Jesus
5. Accepting my inadequacy and trusting Jesus to reach people through me
6. Finding connecting points between the gospel and the person I am trying to reach
7. Drawing those I am trying to reach into real Christian community
8. Clearly communicating the gospel message and inviting people to put their trust in Christ
9. Caring more about how I minister to others than about how they treat me
10. Speaking out with the confidence that this person's heart longs for God

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Life2Life is one part of the *EvangelismSHIFT* initiative. If you are a church leader, we hope that your experience of *Life2Life* will encourage you to consider taking your church on the 2-year *EvangelismSHIFT* journey. It will deeply impact your church culture and coach your leadership as they put in place a disciplemaking pathway that will take people all the way from being unconnected lost people through to being multiplying disciplemakers, ready to expand the impact of your church far beyond its current scope.

Find out more at mylife2life.com/evangelismshift .

Welcome to *Life2Life*

Life2Life is not just a small group study. It is a disciplemaking experience designed by Ambassadors for Christ International to help you learn how to effectively live as a witness for Jesus in your everyday encounters with people. As you move through *Life2Life* you will be encouraged to take other believers on the *Life2Life* journey too.

***Life2Life* is biblically based and comprised of several key components:**

1. **Your coach.**
   The person taking you through *Life2Life* has most likely already been through *Life2Life* themselves and it has started to change the way they approach life and their daily encounters. As they continue cultivating the 10 lifestyle priorities of a witness, they have invited you to take the same journey with them. Learn everything you can from their experiences so far. Multiplying this way of life (fishing for men) in the lives of other believers creates a movement. This was Jesus' strategy: a disciplemaking approach to evangelism!
2. **This *Life2Life* Workbook.**
   The workbook you are holding contains eighteen valuable studies that will help you learn key biblical principles and will practically shape your lifestyle priorities, growing you toward becoming an effective witness. Your journey together through these studies has the potential to dramatically change your life and give you a sense of intentionality and purpose that you have not experienced before.
3. **The *"Live as a Witness"* Journal.**
   Your personal journal has 365 days of devotions, full of lessons from Scripture on developing the lifestyle of a witness. It is designed to guide and encourage you in your daily time with God, help shape your mindset through God's word and allow you to reflect and record how God wants to use you in every encounter and circumstance to be a witness for him. You will have opportunity to share what God has been showing you in these daily devotions throughout *Life2Life*.
4. ***"Ambushed by God"* Book by Kelly Talamo.**
   We strongly recommend that you add this book to your experience. You need someone to model what this witnessing lifestyle looks like in everyday encounters out in the world. Kelly Talamo does just that in this book. Every chapter of the book is a story of how Kelly interacts with someone in his landscaping business or simply in the course of life. Kelly models how you can engage as a witness in every circumstance and encounter that God sends you into. Reading one of these stories around the dinner table makes a real impact and can be quite entertaining. This book is available as part of your order or can be purchased from Amazon as an eBook.
5. **Accountability and encouragement.**
   If you are doing *Life2Life* as part of a traditional small group, the workbook will tell you when to break out and have some time with one or two other group members for accountability and encouragement. These are the people you will text when you are going to be meeting up with someone in a witnessing relationship. If you are doing *Life2Life* as a disciplemaking Huddle, your group should be small enough that you will be able to do accountability time all together. Sharing together what is happening in your relationships and praying for each other is a very important aspect of helping you develop this way of life.

Remember: God has placed each person in your group, including you, and wants to use each one of you to help the others on the journey to becoming an effective witness. We all have something to learn and can all contribute in equipping each other, so honour your group and come prepared to actively participate!

Two ways to experience *Life2Life:*

1. We encourage as many as possible to do ***Life2Life* as a disciplemaking Huddle** where one person (we call them the coach) personally invites 2-3 others to go through *Life2Life* together (in person or through Zoom, Facetime, Skype or other videoconferencing) after experiencing it him/herself. These people then take others through *Life2Life*. Each person does the complete study (including watching the 10-minute video) on their own in preparation for meeting together. Meetings last one hour.

2. Some may choose to do ***Life2Life* as a traditional small group course**. In this case each study will usually take around 90 minutes as the workbook guides the group in doing the study during group time, rather than doing it ahead of time. The group leader/facilitator keeps the group moving through the study, shares from their own experience and shows the 10-minute teaching video to the group when the workbook indicates.

What to expect

You can expect Life2Life to impact you in 3 ways:

1. It will develop in you the *10 lifestyle priorities* of an effective witness for Jesus
2. Seekers (people in your life) will find Jesus
3. As you take others through *Life2Life*, who also take others through *Life2Life*, it will train and multiply the leadership base of your ministry

If your church's leadership team takes this journey with you, ***you can expect 5 strategic shifts to take place in your ministry approach*** that will magnify your impact and accelerate the spread of the gospel through your church:

1. The sense of 'ownership' regarding evangelism will move from your leaders to your congregation as they reach out to their personal circles of influence
2. Your evangelism will not depend so much on events, but on your people's redemptive relationships
3. Your evangelism will not only be focused on people's final decision to put their faith in Christ, but also on the many steps in the journey toward that decision
4. Rather than your evangelism focusing on reaching the lost, you will be focused on mobilising new believers to reach their circle of lost friends and family and on activating long-time believers as witnesses
5. Rather than evangelism being something that mainly happens at special times of year when you focus on it, it will become people's lifestyle and your church will become a witnessing community

Life2Life is one part of an effective disciplemaking pathway. Head to mylife2life.com/evangelismshift to find out more about how the 2-year *EvangelismSHIFT* journey can help you put in place a fully functioning disciplemaking pathway as the core of your ministry strategy.

How to lead others through *Life2Life*

1. How to lead a *Life2Life* disciplemaking Huddle

Whether you are doing a *Life2Life* Huddle online or gathering with a local Huddle, participants should work through the whole session, *including watching the 10-minute teaching video, before meeting.*

Meetings should last one hour, so monitor the time and keep the group moving.

The group time is broken into four sections:

1. → **LOOK BACK** - people share stories, celebrate answered prayer and what happened as they applied the previous study
2. → **LOOK UP** - a time of guided personal study of Scriptures related to each week's topic and also an online 10-minute teaching video
3. → **DIG DEEPER** - a more in-depth look at one passage of scripture
4. → **LOOK FORWARD** - participants discuss how they are going to apply the study to their lives in the next week

- Be sure to take time for people to share stories in the *Look Back* time. As people share 'wins', help the group exalt God for what has happened.
- In general, do not work through the *Look Up* section in detail together, except to ask what stood out to them from that study and the video. Still, there may be some studies where you will want to look at a portion of the *Look Up* section together.
- Spend more time on the *Dig Deeper* section, working through each question and people's answers. This is where you make sure people are really confronting what the Bible is saying to them about the witnessing lifestyle.
- Briefly ask (and jot down) what people wrote in the *Look Forward* section (at the beginning of the following week you will ask each person about how it went). Then take time to pray together very specifically about people's redemptive relationships and their commitments regarding the coming week.

2. How to lead *life2life* in a traditional small group

When doing *Life2Life* with a traditional small group, there will always be people who are less motivated to do the study ahead of time and this can decrease group motivation. For this reason, we have designed *Life2Life* so that the entire study can be done together by the group during a 90-minute group meeting (no homework apart from the daily readings in the *Live as a Witness* journal).

Meetings should last 90 minutes, so monitor the time. You will need to start on time and keep the group moving. *As the leader, you should do the complete study ahead of time* so that you know how much time to allot to each section and what the focus is.

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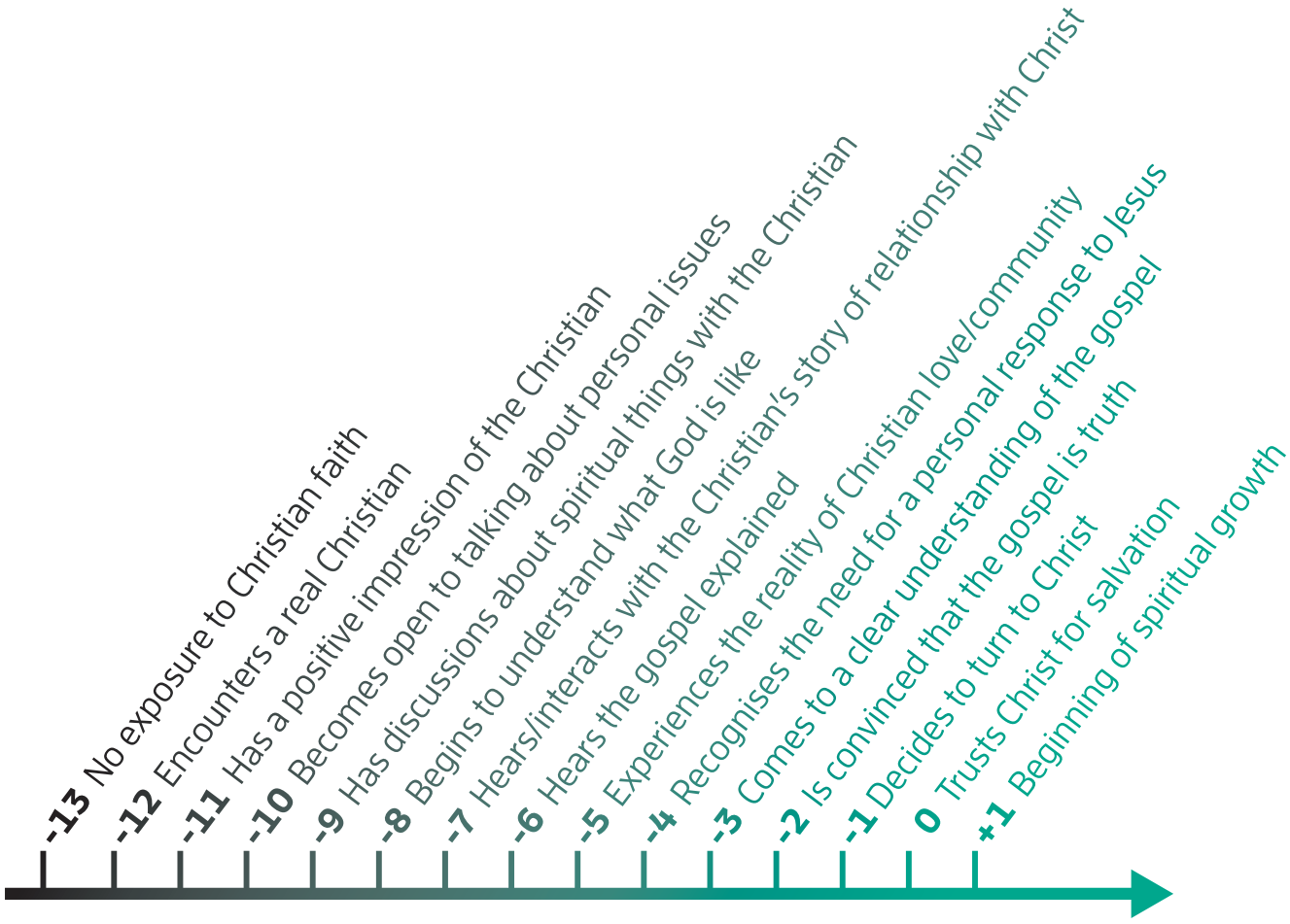
- Be sure to take time for people to share stories in the *Look Back* time, but there will not be time for everyone to share. Be tough and move on or you will not complete the study. As people share 'wins', help the group exalt God for what has happened.
- Allow people time to work through the *Look Up* section on their own, stopping for group interaction where indicated. Remember to leave time to watch the weekly 10-minute teaching video. The online link is included. If you are doing *Life2Life* as part of the 2-year *EvangelismSHIFT* journey with your church, you may also have access to a USB stick or DVD with the videos on it.
- Work through the *Dig Deeper* section as a group. This is where you make sure people are really confronting what the Bible is saying to them about the witnessing lifestyle.
- Briefly give people time to write their response and commitment in the *Look Forward* section. Then take 10-15 minutes to break the group into accountability partners (the same partners each week) to share their personal responses from the *Look Forward* section and to pray specifically for each other's redemptive relationships in the coming week.

The Journey Towards Jesus



Conversion is a process

A person may not follow this exact order in their journey towards Christ, or they may take several steps at once. You may need to add/change some steps for the specific person you are relating to. Two things can greatly accelerate their movement through this path:

1. A crisis
2. A Christian *(that's you!)* who is focused on helping them find Christ

Also, we must realise that God may already have someone ready to trust Christ, although we have just encountered them.

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SESSION 1:
Sent

LEADER: If running *Life2Life* as a disciplemaking Huddle, all members of the Huddle should have done the complete study before meeting together, including watching the video, even the parts that say to do it 'together as a group'.

If running *Life2Life* as a traditional small group, take a few minutes to explain 'Accountability Partners'. Let the group know that at the end of group time they need to agree with one or two others to be Accountability Partners with each other during the *Life2Life* course, to pray for and share with each other on the journey.

→ LOOK BACK

Jesus said, ***"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."***

How have you been going recently with 'fishing for men'? **Each person share** with the group what you are:

1. most looking forward to, and 2. most nervous about as you learn to live as a witness.

Pray for today's session.

→ LOOK UP

(**Read this aloud**) ***Lifestyle Priority #1: A sense of 'sentness' in every circumstance and encounter.***

'Sentness' means that you don't just take life as it comes and try to make it through. You live life with purpose! Every circumstance, every encounter with every person in life–you've been sent into those encounters by Jesus to minister to those people in his name.

Each person on your own: Follow the directions in the box.

> Read through the verses below and underline who did the sending in each verse, put a box around the word "sent" in each verse, then circle who was sent.
>
> As you think about these ones who were sent, what do you think "sentness" looks like in a person's daily lifestyle?
>
> Jot down a few notes. Then share your thoughts with the group.

John 1:6-8 – *There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.*

John 4:34 – *Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work."*

John 6:38 – *Jesus: "For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me."*

John 9:4 – *Jesus: "We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work."*

John 14:26 – *Jesus: "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."*

John 17:18 – *Jesus: "As you [Father] sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world."*

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 – *All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

Watch

Watch the video titled: *Session 1 – 'Sentness'* at mylife2life.com/videos

(**As you watch**) How would you say you personally are going (from 1-10) with having a sense of 'sentness' in every circumstance and encounter? Jot down your answer:

→ DIG DEEPER

Read the KEY PASSAGE – John 17:15-21

This whole chapter is a very significant prayer Jesus prayed. First, **identify who Jesus was praying for** (look early in the prayer, then at v. 20). _____

Four of these verses mention "the world". **Together discuss** what is one significant lesson for our lives, about the world, from each of the following verses?

v. 15

v. 16

v. 18

v. 21

Focus in on verse 18. (Read it) Now, as a group, brainstorm about *how the Father sent Jesus into the world.* See if you can come up with five significant things.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Read verse 18 again. Now discuss what each of those things you came up with means for our "sentness" into the world. Make a few notes.

→ LOOK FORWARD

Write what you feel God wants you to do this week to develop this sense of sentness.

Put it into practice.

Now ask God to show you three people he has sent you to, who you encounter regularly in life, who don't know him–people you can begin to pray for and learn to be a witness to. You may know them well or hardly at all. Write their names here (or simply who they are if you don't know names). Then break into twos or threes and pray together to grow in your sense of sentness and for your relationships with these people.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Summary

→ Lifestyle priority in today's study: A sense of sentness in every circumstance and encounter

→ Key verse: John 17:18 – "As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world."

Before next meeting

- ☐ Use the daily devotions in your '*Live as a Witness*!' Journal.
- ☐ Read chapter 1 of *'Ambushed by God'.*
- ☐ Share one thing that impacted you out of today's study with someone outside the group.

SESSION 2:
Journey

→ LOOK BACK

Several people share how you went with what you wrote down in the 'Look Forward' section last week. Also share about any conversations you had with the three key redemptive relationships you wrote down last week. How are you going with developing a sense of sentness throughout your day? How did the first chapter of *Ambushed by God* impact you?

Pray for today's session.

→ LOOK UP

(**Read this aloud**) ***Key Principle: Conversion is a journey***

Being born again is an event that happens all at once at the moment of faith. But conversion is a journey. There is a point in time when a person begins moving towards God. Many different factors keep them taking steps along this journey until they are ready to put their trust in Christ. We have often thought of evangelism as helping a person take the final step to faith, but we need to expand our concept of evangelism to include journeying with someone towards Christ.

Each person on your own:

Take a minute to make a list of all the individual conversion stories in the New Testament that you can think of (people who put their trust in Jesus). Then share what you came up with as a group, adding names to your list as others share. *(move quickly through this activity)*

Together as a group:

Although at first glance these stories of conversion in the Bible seem to happen all at once and not over a journey, when you look more closely you see a journey in almost all of them. Look at the following famous conversion story. List and discuss the clues that point to a 'journey to faith' that has already been taking place in this woman's story. What lessons are there for us?

Samaritan Woman: John 4:1-30

Watch

Watch the video titled: ***Session 2 – 'Journey'*** **at mylife2life.com/videos**

As you watch, answer the following:

- How old were you when you put your faith in Christ for salvation? _____
- How long was your journey from the time when you first started moving towards God until you crossed the line and were born again? _____

→ DIG DEEPER

The most common length of the journey to faith among people surveyed (who trusted Christ at the age of 16 or older) is two years.

Read the KEY PASSAGE – John 4:31-42

This is the continuation of the story of the Samaritan Woman.

Now **re-read verses 37-38**. Jesus unpacks an important principle for the disciples regarding the role of a witness as he reflects on the responsiveness of this woman and her town to him. What is this principle?

Discuss whether you think the role of a witness for Jesus is the role of the sower or the reaper or both. Why do you think that? How does your answer challenge you and/or encourage you?

Your Journey:

Draw a timeline of your own journey to faith, showing key events, key people, when you started moving towards God, the final trigger to trust Christ for salvation.

If you came to Christ at a young age and can't remember that journey, draw a timeline of your journey to the time later on when you became serious about your faith.

Take 3 minutes for one person to share his/her journey with the group.

→ LOOK FORWARD

Write down what you sense God wants you to do this week in response to this principle of journeying with people towards Jesus.

Put it into practice.

Meet with your Accountability Partners. Think about the three people you are praying for by name. Talk about what you know about their journey towards God so far.

Summary

(**Read this aloud**) **People journey to faith in Jesus and evangelism includes journeying with people towards Jesus. We need to look for the part God wants us to play in each person's journey.**

Before next meeting

- ☐ Use the daily devotions in your *'Live as a Witness!'* Journal.
- ☐ Read chapter 2 of *'Ambushed by God'.*
- ☐ Walk through your neighbourhood and/or workplace and pray for each of the people there who are a regular part of your life. Invite God to use you in their journey to him.
- ☐ Share one thing that impacted you out of today's study with someone outside the group.

SESSION 3:
Relationships

→ LOOK BACK

A few people share with the group how you went with what you wrote down in the 'Look Forward' section last week. Did you have a meaningful prayer walk through your neighbourhood/workplace this past week? What has God been saying to you through the daily devotions on living as a witness or through *Ambushed by God?*

Pray for today's session.

→ LOOK UP

(**Read this aloud**) ***Witnessing Lifestyle Priority #2: Building real friendships with non-Christian people.***

One of the key principles of *Life2Life* is that the gospel spreads through relationships. Almost every person who puts their faith in Christ says that the biggest factor in their making that decision was a relationship they had with a real Christian. That means that if you want to be an effective witness for Jesus you will develop the relationships you have with non-Christians. They will find Jesus through their relationship with you!

Each person on your own:

Write down the name of every non-Christian person you know. If you don't know whether they are churched, go ahead and write their name down. If you don't know their name, just write something like "guy at the corner shop". Think of these contexts: family, work, study, clubs, neighbours, restaurants, sports team, servo, shops, parents of children's friends, regular holiday spots, hair stylist...

Friends or acquaintances?

Now look back at your list and cross people off if you don't know their spouse's name, or if you don't know both first and last names, or if you don't know their hobbies, or if you haven't eaten a meal with them outside the normal setting (eg. lunchroom at work). If you have some names left, these are probably more than acquaintances. This is what we mean by friends in this context–not necessarily close companions yet, but relationships that are growing deeper.

Together as a group:

If some people in the group still have some names on their list, have them share with the group how that relationship developed from being an acquaintance to being a friend. Ask questions to understand more deeply how that relationship developed. Jot down some thoughts.

Watch

Watch the video titled: *Session 3 – 'Relationships'* at mylife2life.com/videos

As you watch, make note of the relational journey you need to take towards the key redemptive relationships in your life: Acquaintance → _____ → _____ → _____ → Gospel

→ DIG DEEPER

Jesus was the master of the witnessing lifestyle. If the gospel spreads through relationships, we should see Jesus engaging relationally with people in the normal course of life.

Read the KEY PASSAGES – John 4:6-9; Luke 5:27-32; John 1:35-46

- **John 4:6-9** – As you read this passage, note that it is the beginning of the story of the Samaritan Woman that we studied last week. Note how touched the woman is at the way Jesus interacts with her and how it opens her heart to him. Read Luke 9:51-53 and John 8:48 to see the strong racial feelings that went both ways between Jews and Samaritans. What are some parallel barriers today where it would take friendship to overcome them?
- **Luke 5:27-32** – What do you see in the Pharisees that reflects how we often think about time spent with worldly people? What do you see in Jesus' words and actions that express the principle that the gospel spreads through relationships?
- **John 1:35-46** – How do you see Jesus trying to build a relational connection that will lead to openness and faith? What principles do you see in how relationships were involved in Peter and Nathanael's faith?

→ LOOK FORWARD

This week we arrive at *Witnessing Lifestyle Priority #2*: *Building real friendships with non-Christian people*. If this priority truly becomes yours, you will be well on your way to being an effective witness for Jesus. Write down what you sense God wants you to do this week in response to this principle that the gospel spreads through relationships.

Put it into practice.

Meet with your Accountability Partner and share how you plan to apply this principle this week. Pray specifically for each person's three key relationships you wrote down in week 1 (it's okay if these 3 names change over time as you see God at work in other relationships).

Summary

The gospel spreads through relationships and so we must make it a priority to build real friendships with non-Christian people if we want to see them come to faith in Jesus.

Before next meeting

- ☐ Set up a meal with a non-Christian person on your list (bbq, restaurant, coffee shop).
- ☐ Use the daily devotions in your *'Live as a Witness!'* Journal.
- ☐ Read chapter 3 of *'Ambushed by God'.*
- ☐ Share one thing that impacted you out of today's study with someone outside the group.

SESSION 4:
Steps

→ LOOK BACK

Several people share how you went with setting up a meal with a non-Christian person this past week. Also share about any conversations you had with your three key redemptive relationships you have been sent to. What has God been saying to you through your daily devotions on living as a witness or through the *Ambushed by God* chapter?

Pray for today's session.

→ LOOK UP

(**Read this aloud**) ***Witnessing Lifestyle Priority #3: Helping people take the next step on their journey towards Jesus.***

Understanding the steps a person takes on their journey releases you from the feeling that you have to get a person all the way to faith in Christ in one conversation. You may not have the faith to believe that could happen. But you have the faith to believe that God could enable you to help them take the next step. Use what you learn this week and get involved in people's spiritual journey!

Each person on your own:

Without looking at anything outside this box, see if you can diagram the steps a person takes from having no connection with Christianity up until they put their faith in Jesus. Don't worry about making it complicated or getting it perfect – a simple diagram of the process.

The Journey

If doing *Life2Life* as a traditional small group, have people compare their chart with the chart on pg. 8 and discuss together the differences between it and their own chart, making any notes in the box below.

Watch

Watch the video: *Session 4 – 'Steps'* at mylife2life.com/videos

As you watch, have a look at John's chart of the ***Journey Towards Jesus*** in your materials (see pg. 8). Your chart may differ from John's and that's okay. Note down what step of the journey your three key people are up to.

→ DIG DEEPER

How can you tell what the next step is for the people in your life or for people you meet along the way? We want to keep asking questions of the stories we have been looking at in Scripture over the past few weeks.

Read the KEY PASSAGE – John 4:5-26

Spend some time looking together at the story of the Samaritan Woman (John 4:5-26), asking the questions; 'How did Jesus know what the next step was for this woman?', 'How much of it came from things he picked up on (what things?) in his interaction with her?', and 'how much of it was simply spiritual insight?'

Now **spend some time** discussing how you can discern what the next step is for people in your own life. Jot down some notes.

→ LOOK FORWARD

Look at the ***Journey Towards Jesus*** chart (pg. 8) and make a note of the next step for each of the three people you are praying for. Listen to God. Write down what you think he wants you to do this week to help them move forward.

Summary

How do people come to faith in Jesus? One step at a time! Learn to think about how to help the people in your life take the next step towards faith in Jesus.

Before next meeting

- ☐ Your action step from the 'Look Forward' section above.
- ☐ Use the daily devotions in your ***'Live as a Witness!'*** Journal.
- ☐ Read chapter 4 of ***Ambushed by God*** (hint: these make great stories to read together at the dinner table).
- ☐ Share one thing that impacted you out of today's study with someone outside the group.

Accountability

Share with your Huddle or Accountability Partner what step your people are up to and how you plan to apply this Lifestyle Priority this week in the life of one or more of the people on your list. **Pray for each other to follow through and for each other's three people.**

SESSION 5:
Pray

PLEASE NOTE: When you arrive at Session 9 you will bring the names of 2-3 people you will coach through *Life2Life*. Start thinking and praying about who you will invite to take this journey with you! Refer to the suggestions on page 28.

→ LOOK BACK

Several people share how you went with what you wrote in the ***Look Forward*** section last week. Also share about any conversations you had with your three key redemptive relationships you have been sent to. What has God been saying to you through your daily devotions on living as a witness or through the chapter of *Ambushed by God*?

Pray for today's session.

→ LOOK UP

(Read this aloud) ***Witnessing Lifestyle Priority #4: Praying regularly by name for people in my life who need Jesus.***

When it truly becomes your conviction that only God can reveal himself to a person and soften their heart and draw them to faith in Christ, then prayer becomes a major feature of your witness for Jesus–prayer both for you as the witness and for them as the person God has sent you to.

Each person on your own: **Read Acts 4:13-31**. Jot down the lessons you see here for living as a 'sent one' – a witness for Jesus.

Now write out word-for-word the specific request that was prayed in this passage:

Then write out the specific answer to this request that you see in this passage:

The Journey

If doing *Life2Life* as a small group, break into three groups. Each group take 5 mins to talk about how the events described in Acts 4:13-31 would have been perceived/experienced by a different one of the following sets of people in the story. Think about it from their perspective. Then each group share your conclusions with the larger group. If doing *Life2Life* as a Huddle, think through all three perspectives.

• The Jewish rulers (see vv. 5-12 as well)

• Peter and John

• Peter and John's Christian friends

Watch

Watch the video: *Session 5 – 'Pray!'* at mylife2life.com/videos

As you watch, make note of the three prayers to pray about your life as a witness:

1. "Open _____" 2. "Open _____" 3. "Open _____"

(Wording for the three prayers is drawn from the Christian Life & Witness Course by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association)

→ DIG DEEPER

Look at the text together

Discuss briefly When you look at these three prayers Paul asks people to pray (from the video), what do they tell you about who does the real work of evangelism? What does this tell you about the importance of prayer in your life as a witness?

Read the KEY PASSAGE – 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2 – and **discuss the following:**

How do you think God would answer the prayer for the gospel to *"spread rapidly"?* What would it look like?

Paul wants them to pray that the gospel would be honoured *"as happened among you".* Read 1 Thessalonians chapter 1 individually (also 2:13) and then discuss together the descriptions of how the Thessalonians received the gospel. Jot down the key points.

Now a few of you share what this kind of response would look like in the life of a specific person on your list of three names of those you are focusing on. For example: "In Kate's life it would look like this. Kate would…"

1.

2.

3.

→ LOOK FORWARD

Put it into practice. Think of a super specific prayer you can pray this week regarding your witness with one of your three people. Write down that prayer here (even if you don't have much faith). Also text your prayer to your group or accountability partner for prayer support.

Summary

→ The person who doesn't pray about their witness is relying on himself/herself to lead people to Christ.

→ The person who has built prayer into their witnessing lifestyle is relying on God to lead people to Christ. If there is one thing the Bible teaches us clearly it is that God answers prayer!

Before next meeting

- ☐ Pray each day your specific prayer you wrote down and look for God's answer.
- ☐ Use the daily devotions in your ***'Live as a Witness!'*** Journal.
- ☐ Read chapter 5 of ***Ambushed by God.***
- ☐ Share one thing that impacted you out of today's study with someone outside the group.

Accountability

Together with your Huddle or (in a traditional small group) your Accountability Partner, **go straight into prayer together** (without talking about your prayer requests beforehand) and **pray in the way you have learned today**, for yourself in your witness and for the people you are wanting to reach. **After others pray, support them** in what they pray for.

SESSION 6:
Personal Conversations

→ LOOK BACK

Sharing. Several people share answers to the specific prayer you wrote down last week. Discuss what it means when God's answer is different than our request. What has God been saying to you through your daily devotions on living as a witness?

Pray for today's session.

→ LOOK UP

(Read this aloud) ***Key Principle: People react to statements, but they interact with questions.***

Jesus constantly used questions in his interactions with people to take the conversation to a deeper level and help people open up. It revealed their thought processes and led to deeper impact. This simple skill of using questions is one of the most powerful tools of an effective witness for Jesus. Making questions a central part of your witnessing relationships will take your conversations to a whole new level!

Read Luke 10:25-37 Each person read the passage on your own, then discuss as a group:

What was the attitude of the people Jesus was speaking to at the beginning of the encounter?

What specific questions does Jesus ask in this passage?

What does each question communicate?

How do you think the interaction would have been different if Jesus had simply made a statement of truth, rather than asking a question?

Read Luke 15:1-13 Each person read the passage on your own, then discuss as a group:

What was the attitude of the people Jesus was speaking to at the beginning of the encounter?

What specific questions does Jesus ask in this passage?

What does each question communicate?

How do you think the interaction would have been different if Jesus had simply made a statement of truth, rather than asking a question?

Watch

Watch the video: ***Session 6 – 'Personal Conversations'* at mylife2life.com/videos**

As you watch, remember our *Key Principle* in this session: People react to statements, but they interact with questions. Think about how this can help you take your relationships to a deeper, more personal level of conversation.

→ DIG DEEPER

Look at the text together

Read the KEY PASSAGE – Matthew 22:41-46 and **discuss the following**:

- What was the main point Jesus wanted the Pharisees to take away from that conversation?
- Did he ever actually state that point?
- What did Jesus say in this conversation that was not a question?
- How do you think the interaction would have been different if Jesus had simply stated his point, rather than asking a question?
- What can we learn from this conversation for our own conversations as witnesses for Jesus?

Brainstorm together some questions you can ask the people on your list to naturally take your conversations with them past the surface level and into personal issues. Note down some of these questions here:

→ LOOK FORWARD

Put it into practice. Choose a question you can ask one or more of your three people this week to take your conversation deeper. Remember, a question allows them to open up as much or as little as they want to. Going deeper sometimes opens a door to share the gospel. Write your question here:

Summary

The best way to take your redemptive relationship (or any relationship) to a deeper level is to ask questions that invite a person to open up at a level they want to. People react to statements, but they interact with questions!

Before next meeting

- ☐ To develop the skill of using questions, try to ask a meaningful question of each person you encounter this week (eg. – How is your relationship with your kids? How did you handle that? What do you think about…? What did you do last weekend? What are you most excited about in your life right now? What did you learn from that experience?).
- ☐ Use the daily devotions in your '*Live as a Witness*!' Journal.
- ☐ Read chapter 6 of *Ambushed by God.*
- ☐ Share one thing that impacted you out of today's study with someone outside the group.

Accountability

Share with each other the question you wrote down in the Look Forward section. Pray for each other as you ask these questions of your key people this week. Keep praying the three prayers for each other: "God, open a door, open their hearts, open my mouth." As others pray, support them in their prayers.

SESSION 7:
Foundations

→ LOOK BACK

Sharing. Take time to share how you went with asking meaningful questions this week. Also share about conversations you had with your three key redemptive relationships you have been sent to (remember it's okay if you've changed your focus from the original three). What has God been saying to you through your daily devotions on living as a witness?

Pray for today's session.

→ LOOK UP

(**Read this aloud**) ***Key Principle: We must connect the gospel to the people we are trying to reach.***

Basic to any effective evangelism is the connecting of the simple gospel message with people in various cultures and situations. This session will look at three foundational principles for doing this, from the Apostle Paul's approach to evangelism.

Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Each person read the passage on your own, then discuss as a group:

v. 22 – Why do you think Paul ignores what both the Jews and the Gentiles look for in his message?

Note how Paul talks about the wisdom/foolishness and power/weakness of the gospel message all through vv. 22-25. How can the gospel be both wise and foolish, weak and strong?

What big principle of evangelism do you see in this passage?

Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 Each person read the passage on your own, then discuss as a group:

How does this passage fit with what Paul wrote in 1:22, where he seems to ignore what Jews and Gentiles want?

Underline in these verses every time Paul says *"that…"* or *"in order to…"* or similar words that show why he is so careful in how he relates to people from different backgrounds. Do you see a common theme?

What big principle of evangelism do you see in this passage and how does it relate to you and the people in your life?

Watch

Watch the video: *Session 7 – 'Foundations'* at mylife2life.com/videos

As you watch, note down the three key principles of evangelism modelled by the Apostle Paul:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

→ DIG DEEPER

Read the KEY PASSAGE – Acts 17:15-34 and **discuss the following**:

In this passage we see Paul practicing the third foundational principle of evangelism: If we want to share our one unchanging message with people in a way that connects with them, we must understand where they are coming from. Identify all the things Paul did in Athens to get a good enough understanding of them to share the gospel in a way that found open hearts and minds. When missionaries arrive in a new area, they spend a lot of time trying to find connecting points in the stories and customs of the culture that will make the gospel meaningful to the people when they share it. As you think of people in your life, how can you practice this same principle? How can you find out what in their lives will help them respond to the gospel? Write your thoughts below.

→ LOOK FORWARD

Put it into practice. The way Paul shared the gospel showed people that he loved and respected them. He didn't start with his message, he started with the things they would connect with and moved from there to the gospel. For each of your three redemptive relationships, write down something that person connects with strongly (an interest, a topic, a struggle) and think about how you could connect that thing to the gospel.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Summary

We have one unchanging message. There are many different ways of bringing that one message to different people so that it connects with them. To do so effectively, we must understand the culture of the person we are sharing our message with.

Before next meeting

- ☐ As you interact with your key redemptive relationships follow Paul's example and try to gain a deeper understanding of the things that matter to them. Ask questions. Go deeper!
- ☐ Use the daily devotions in your '*Live as a Witness*!' Journal.
- ☐ Read chapter 7 of *Ambushed by God.*
- ☐ Share one thing that impacted you out of today's study with someone outside the group.

Accountability

Each person share one thing you wrote down at the end of the Dig Deeper section then discuss together how you might start from there and move to the gospel. Keep praying the three prayers for each other: *"God, open a door, open their hearts, open my mouth."*

SESSION 8:
Inadequacy

→ LOOK BACK

Sharing. Take time to share how you went with finding connecting points for the gospel in the lives of the people you are focusing on. Also share about conversations you had with your three key redemptive relationships you have been sent to. What has God been saying to you through your daily devotions?

Pray for today's session.

→ LOOK UP

(Read this aloud) ***Key Principle: Accept your own inadequacy and trust Jesus to reach people through you.***

You can't be an effective witness for Jesus–God never expected you to. Jesus can be that effective witness through you–he always intended to! Jesus modelled for us the life he calls us to. Although fully God, he lived his life on earth on the human level without calling on his power as God. Rather, he depended on God the Father to do his work through him, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus shows us man as God intended man to be!

Each person on their own: In each of the passages below, jot a few notes about how Jesus modelled the life of dependence he now calls us to live.

Acts 10:38

Luke 2:52

Luke 4:1,14

John 5:30

John 14:10-12 with John 15:4-5

Together as a group: Talk through your observations from the passages above and what it means to you that Jesus lived his life on earth on the human level, showing us how to live the life of a witness for God.

Watch

Watch the video: *Session 8 – 'Inadequacy'* at mylife2life.com/videos

As you watch, note down the five excuses Moses made because he felt inadequate, along with God's responses:

1. _____ 4. _____

2. _____ 5. _____

3. _____

→ DIG DEEPER

Look at the text together

Read the KEY PASSAGE – Galatians 2:20 and **discuss the following**:

"I have been crucified with Christ." What does this mean? (note that the tense shows that this is a past, finished event that has impact up till the present).

…Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live…" The tense changes to the present tense in the remainder of the verse, indicating that this is how Paul now lives in an ongoing way. Think about the verses you studied earlier which showed how the Father worked and spoke through Jesus. What would it look like in your life today for Jesus to live and speak through you?

Read 1 Corinthians 2:3-5. How does it affect your thoughts about your own witness for Christ, to recognise that just like Moses, Paul felt very inadequate in sharing the gospel with the Corinthians?

→ LOOK FORWARD

Put it into practice. Each person on your own: Take 2 minutes to think and jot down the two biggest things you feel inadequate about regarding your witness for Christ:

Summary

As Major Ian Thomas put it: *"You can't and he never said you could. He can and he always said He would."*

Before next meeting

- ☐ Write these words on a piece of paper and stick them on your bathroom mirror this week: "*Jesus I can't, but you can, and you are in me."* Daily invite Jesus to be a witness through you.
- ☐ Use the daily devotions in your *'Live as a Witness!'* Journal.
- ☐ Read chapter 8 of ***Ambushed by God.***
- ☐ Share one thing that impacted you out of today's study with someone outside the group.

Accountability

In your Huddle or with your Accountability Partner, each person **share the things you feel inadequate about** regarding your witness and **pray for each other to learn** to moment-by-moment invite Jesus to live and speak through you.

SESSION 9:
Spiritual Conversations

→ LOOK BACK

Share. Take time to share how you went this week with turning over your inadequacies to God and trusting Jesus to reach people through you. Also share about any conversations you had with your three key redemptive relationships that you have been sent into. What has God been saying to you through your daily devotions?

Pray for today's session.

→ LOOK UP

(Read this aloud) ***Key Principle: Lifestyle Priority #6: Finding connecting points between the gospel and the person I am trying to reach.***

Don't share the gospel with someone as great truth that stands by itself. Rather, in conversations with them look for the symptoms of brokenness/ fallenness that point to their need for God. These 'connecting points' between them and the gospel are what will help them see that the gospel is something they desperately need. If you are able to connect these points to your own experience as well, that sense of need will be even stronger.

Each person on their own:

Even as Christians, we still feel the symptoms of brokenness and fallenness within us. The difference is that we are able to invite Jesus into those areas and he is in the process of bringing healing and wholeness to these areas of our lives. Take time to think, then in the box below, jot down some of the areas of brokenness in your own life that you are bringing to Jesus.

Together as a group:

Talk through specific symptoms of fallenness/brokenness that you see in the lives of actual people you know (no need to mention names). Share about some that were immediately obvious and some that you discovered as you got into the person's life. Then talk about how your relationship opened up to where they/you could talk about these things.

Watch

Watch the video: ***Session 9 – 'Spiritual Conversations'*** **at mylife2life.com/videos**

As you watch, note how central the asking of questions is again at this stage of the relationship.

→ DIG DEEPER

Read Colossians 4:3-6

Note Paul's prayer that God would *"open a door for our message"*. The *"door"* is different from the gospel *"message"* itself. Very often the door is this connecting point, the symptom of fallenness that is there in both their life and my life, and which the gospel speaks to. Their *felt* needs point to their *real* need for forgiveness and a relationship with God.

Who do you think Paul means when he talks about *"outsiders"* in verse 5? If we have one unchanging gospel, why does verse 6 imply that we will have a different way of sharing with each outsider? What does that mean for you in your witness?

→ LOOK FORWARD

Put it into practice. Each person on your own: Think and pray about the three people you are focusing on and praying for. If you are able at this point in your relationship, identify some symptoms of fallenness/brokenness in each of their lives and write them down here.

Do you identify with any of these currently or in your testimony before Christ? Circle them. They are your connecting points for the gospel.

Summary

A person who doesn't know Jesus has felt-needs in their inner lives. These felt-needs are symptoms of their fallenness and their need for forgiveness and a relationship with God. When they talk with you about these struggles, those needs are the connecting point for you to share the gospel with them, starting from that point, especially if it connects with your own story.

Before next meeting

- ☐ Ask God to help you identify connecting points for the gospel in the lives of each of your three key redemptive relationships.
- ☐ Read Chapter 9 of ***Ambushed by God***, which connects with today's study.
- ☐ Use the daily devotions in your ***'Live as a Witness!'*** Journal.
- ☐ Share one thing that impacted you out of today's study with someone outside the group.

Accountability

Pray for one another to identify the connecting points that will lead to the gospel in conversation. And pray for each other to move conversations towards the gospel with the connecting points they have already identified. This is what it's all about!

How to invite others to do *Life2Life* with you

Remember Jesus' strategy for how he would change the world with the gospel?

First, he would be a witness in his own life (a fisher of men). Second, he would train a few people to be effective witnesses (fishers of men). Then they would be witnesses in their own lives and train a few other people to be effective witnesses.

Jesus knew that he personally wouldn't make disciples of all nations during his time on earth *(Matthew 28:18-20).* He knew his disciples wouldn't accomplish that either. But he also knew that a steadily multiplying movement of fishers of men would eventually reach to all nations and to all people groups.

You are now a part of that movement! You are starting to live as a witness. Your life is changing. You know that the next step is for you to pass on the way of life you have been learning to a few others. That means forming a *Life2Life* Huddle of your own.

The six steps you need to take to form your Huddle:

1. **Decide when you are able to start meeting with a new Huddle.** This could happen at any time from now. By now you are already seeing your life change in how you approach people and conversations. You have covered enough of *Life2Life* that you could start your own Huddle. But make sure that you don't over commit yourself. Keep spending time with people who don't yet know Jesus!

2. **With a blank piece of paper in front of you, pray that God would put on your heart several believers you know, whom he would have you take through *Life2Life*.** Probably there are already some people who are interested in what you have been learning and sharing with them. They don't have to be newer, or less mature, Christians. They may even be spiritual leaders already. Most of these people have never had someone show them how to live the life of a witness. Take time to think and write down the names of people who come to mind. Groups can be done in person or over a video-calling app like Zoom or Skype, meaning you can consider people who aren't local. Generally everyone in your Huddle should be participating the same way (for example, all on Zoom or all in person).

3. **Start sharing freely with these people how God is impacting you through *Life2Life*.**

4. **Ask people if they would like to start meeting with you and a couple of other people in a *Life2Life* Huddle.** Choose a time that will work well for you and others. Don't forget that breakfast/morning groups are an option. Let people know that the Huddle will meet for only an hour each session and that they should expect it to take about an hour to do the study each week before meeting.

5. **Send them to mylife2life.com/register to register and order their materials.** Each person must register separately as they will receive emails and encouragements as they progress through *Life2Life.* The essentials are the *Life2Life* workbook and the *Live as a Witness!* journal. We also strongly encourage everyone to order the *Ambushed by God* book. Generally, materials will arrive quickly.

6. **Start meeting!**

What to do when one of your redemptive relationships decides to trust Christ and begin a new life with him.

As soon as you have had a positive spiritual conversation with one of the people you have been witnessing to, it's natural to share the gospel with them. That may happen in the same conversation or in the near future. Maybe you will invite them to do *LifeWorks* with you, or some other evangelistic Bible study *(covered in Session 10)*. Or maybe you will take them to an evangelistic event where someone shares the gospel publicly and invites people to respond.

Although you have been praying for it, it may come as a shock when your friend chooses to turn to Jesus and ask for forgiveness and a new life with him. Suddenly you are faced with the question, *"Now what?"*.

Here are some of the first steps you should take:

1. **Make sure that they see how excited you are** for them and the journey they are beginning with Jesus! Pray with them and ask God to help them start growing in their relationship with him.
2. **Pray for your friend.** Never forget that prayer is not just a boost to help with the 'real' ministry you are doing. Rather, prayer is the most important ministry you can do for a new believer. So many things can distract them from their new focus on Christ. Praying for them is hugely important. Choose a simple way of remembering to pray for them. You could make your time in the shower be the time when you pray for them each day. Or put a reminder on your bathroom mirror and pray for them while you brush your teeth.
3. **If they are local, find out if your church has a course or study for new believers.** If so, sign them up for it and attend it together with them. Each week discuss with them the things they are learning. Make sure you are helping them put into their lives the habits of spending time with God in the Bible and prayer each morning.
4. **If they are not local,** or your church does not have a group specifically designed to build the spiritual foundations into new believers, then you must still help them put these foundations in place in their lives (even if no one did so for you)!
    a) It will be the most natural thing in their minds for you to be the one who helps them with the Christian life, since you have been the Christian who has been helping them journey toward Jesus.
    b) Set up a weekly time to meet with them (breakfast, coffee, lunch, evening, any of these can be great).
    c) Let your church leaders know of your friend's new faith. They will be very encouraged. Discuss with them your planned next steps.
    d) Purchase a good new believers' study and go through it with them each week. Different studies will connect with different people. For someone with no Christian background, a study like *Stranger on the Road to Emmaus* shows how the gospel fits into the whole story of Scripture and might be a good place to start before going on into one of the other new believers' studies. *Getting Started* by Matthias Press is good, as is *Thirty Discipleship Exercises* by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Organization. And we also highly recommend our own *GrowthWorks* book/study for a reading-and-discussion based approach (available at mylife2life.com/shop).
    e. Make sure you help them get connected with a regular meeting of real Christians, where there is fellowship and Bible teaching and body life.

SESSION 10:
Invitations

PLEASE NOTE: This session has two videos *(12 minutes and 16 minutes long)*. Allow time for each video if doing the session in a traditional small group format. If you are doing *Life2Life* as a disciplemaking Huddle, participants should have watched both videos before the meeting as part of their preparation.

→ LOOK BACK

Sharing. Take time to share how you went this week with finding connecting points for the gospel in the areas of brokenness in the lives of the people you are praying for. Also share about any conversations you had with your three key redemptive relationships you have been sent to. What has God been saying to you through your *Live As A Witness!* daily readings and through *Ambushed by God?*

Pray for today's session.

→ LOOK UP

Watch

Watch the video: *Session 10A – 'Invitations'* at mylife2life.com/videos

As you watch, think about what God might do through your invitation to people in your life.

Key Principle: The testimony of someone who has been impacted by Jesus, combined with an invitation to find out more, is very powerful.

Evangelistic outreaches put on by your church can be a huge part of your friend's journey to faith. Although you are developing your redemptive relationships, you may realise that you don't have the spiritual gift of evangelism and need someone to help your friend cross the line to saving faith. An invitation to an event, or to do a Bible study with the person (you) who has been already talking with them about God, is usually accepted.

→ DIG DEEPER

Read John 4:11-30 and 39-43

What do you observe about this woman's invitation to the people in her small town? How was her invitation connected to her own experience of Jesus? Why would so many people go out of town to see and hear a man they didn't know? Why do you think some people responded more to her testimony and others responded more to the "event" she invited them to? Why do you think Jesus stayed there two days? **Use the box to make some notes.**

Watch

Watch the video: *Session 10B – 'LifeWorks Intro'* at mylife2life.com/videos

As you watch, be aware that this is the same video you will watch with your friends on the first day when you invite them to see if they want to do a Bible study with you.

→ LOOK FORWARD

Put it into practice. Here is a suggestion for how to invite someone to do a small group Bible study with you:

"Hey Jack, I've been thinking about some of the conversations we've been having and there's something I'd like to invite you to. A friend of mine is having a bunch of people over to his house for a BBQ on Thursday night in a couple of weeks to watch a short intro video for a series on the basic message of Christianity. It's called LifeWorks. I thought it might be something that you'd be interested in. Let's go together and see if LifeWorks is something we'd like to do."

Turn to the person next to you and pretend he/she is one of the people you have been praying for and building a relationship with. Invite them to *LifeWorks* using your own words.

As you think about taking this step with those you have been praying for, consider which approach will be best for your friend. We suggest that whether or not you invite your friend to join you at an evangelistic event, you also invite them to meet with you weekly for a few weeks to study the Bible and what it says about how to know God personally.

Here are a few suggested options for Bible studies that have proven very effective at leading people to Christ:

- If you want to do a study with several non-Christians together in a group with several Christians, we have several suggestions: *Alpha, LifeWorks, God's Gift, Christianity Explained* and *Discovery Bible Reading*. Both *Alpha* and *LifeWorks* are video based. The group eats together, watches the video, then discusses it together.
  - *Alpha* starts with the gospel in the first three studies and moves on to Christian life teaching.
  - *LifeWorks* starts with pre-gospel studies and then finishes with the gospel in the final three studies, making it ideal for people who don't have a strong church background.
  - *God's Gift* is an 8-session study completely focused on the gospel itself.
  - *Christianity Explained* uses a study guide each week as people look at the gospel of Mark. Its diagrams of gospel truths connect well.
  - *Discovery Bible Reading* follows a very simple unthreatening pattern, looking at a different story from the gospels each week and asking a series of 5 questions.

  All of these resources have proven effective at leading many people to faith in Christ. *LifeWorks* and *God's Gift* are both available from mylife2life.com/biblestudies.

- If you are inviting your friend to do a one-on-one Bible study with you, or to do a study between two couples, we recommend *LifeWorks* (it is easy to simply pull out your phone or iPad and watch a video together each week and then discuss it).
  - *LifeWorks* is your best choice with anyone who has trouble reading, since it is video based.
  - *Stranger on the Road to Emmaus* is another great option for a book/video study with an individual or couple. It shows how the gospel fits into the unfolding story of the whole Bible.

  Both tools have led thousands to trust Christ.

Before next meeting

- ☐ Read Chapter 10 of ***Ambushed by God.***
- ☐ Use the daily devotions in your ***'Live as a Witness!'*** Journal.
- ☐ Pray for an opportunity to invite your non-Christian friends to do a Bible study with you.
- ☐ Share one thing that impacted you out of today's study with someone outside the group.

Accountability

Pray that your relationships will develop to the place where people are ready for an invitation to do a Bible study with you by the end of *Life2Life*. And pray that conversations will turn towards the gospel.

SESSION 11:
It Takes a Village

→ LOOK BACK

Share. Take time to share what is happening in your encounters with non-Christian people who are *not* on your list of three names. Sometimes the most significant connections God brings us are ones that we don't plan at all. Also, what has God been teaching you through *Ambushed by God* or through your *Live As A Witness!* journal?

Pray for today's session.

→ LOOK UP

(Read this) ***Lifestyle Priority #7: Drawing those I am trying to reach into real Christian community.***

In the early church people came to faith in great numbers because they saw how Christians related to each other. We too need to make sure that we expose the people we are trying to reach to real, loving Christian relationships.

Read John 17:20-23, especially noting the *"so that…"* statements. Discuss the following: Why don't we have circles of meaningful relationships that include both Christians and non-Christians? (If some people in your group do have those kinds of circles, dig deeper for how they have accomplished that and how it is working, what is the impact on the people involved?) Make a few notes below:

Read John 13:34-35. Note how central to our witness is our love for one another as Christians. Take a few minutes and discuss how Christian relationships are different to secular relationships. Then ask the question, *"Have you heard more positive stories of people seeing a difference in how Christians relate, or more negative stories of people being turned off by bickering and control freaks among Christians?"* What does your answer to that question tell you about your own personal relationships with other believers at church or in your family?

Jesus said, "Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." How had Jesus loved them, and what would that look like in your relationships with fellow believers today?

Watch

Watch the video: *Session 11 – 'It takes a village'* at mylife2life.com/videos

As you watch, think about the specific people you are praying for and how you can expose them to your relationships with other Christians.

→ DIG DEEPER

Have a good reader **read the KEY PASSAGE: Acts 4:32-5:14**

Re-read Acts 5:13 and discuss the following questions:

- In light of what had just happened, why were the non-Christians fearful to join the Christians?
- As you think about this passage, why do you think the Christians were so highly regarded by the non-Christians, so much so that *"more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women"* (vv. 13-14)?
- What do you think are the five most beautiful things you observe about how Christians relate to one another?

→ LOOK FORWARD

Put it into practice.

Make a list of the *Christian* activities/environments you are a part of that have a strong relational component.

Make a second list of the *secular* environments you are a part of that have a strong relational component.

Now circle the items, in the lists you made, that you could use to put your Christian and non-Christian friends together so your non-Christian friends can see what Christian relationships are like.

Now, who are you going to invite to what, to make that happen? Write it down!

Summary

A big factor in people turning to Christ is seeing the difference in how Christians relate to one another. So a big part of our witness is getting our Christian and non-Christian friends together!

Before next meeting

- ☐ Read Chapter 11 of ***Ambushed by God*** *(hint: these make great stories to read at the family dinner table).*
- ☐ Use the daily devotions in your ***'Live as a Witness!'*** Journal.
- ☐ Share one thing that impacted you out of today's study with someone outside the group.

Accountability

Pray about bringing your Christian friends and non-Christian friends together. Pray about the specific environments you wrote down. And pray that God will open doors for the gospel.

SESSION 12:
Responding to Objections



→ LOOK BACK

Share. Take time to share what is happening in your encounters with non-Christian people. Have you been able to bring non-Christian and Christian friends together yet? How did it go? Also, what has God been teaching you this past week through Ambushed by God and your daily devotions?

Pray for today's session.

→ LOOK UP

(**Read this**) ***Key Principle: When responding to objections/questions, don't forget your goal in this person's life***.

As soon as a question or objection is expressed, remember that your goal in this person's life is to introduce them to God through the gospel, and ask yourself, *"How can I respond in a way that opens his/her heart to God?"*

What are the questions/objections you have actually encountered that keep people from opening their hearts to God? Make a few notes below:

What can you do if you have no idea how to answer the question or objection that someone raises?

Watch

Watch the video: ***Session 12 – 'Responding to objections'***

As you watch, listen for what John says you should do if you yourself still struggle with that same question someone has raised to you. Make some notes below.

→ DIG DEEPER

Look at the text together

Read Luke 10:1-3. Jesus has been training 72 people as witnesses and is now sending them out. Read verse 16, noting that Jesus prepared those he trained for the reality that they would experience rejection, even though (verse 17) there would be fruitful encounters too. Rejection is part of your learning/growing process. Why do you think Jesus thought it important that they know this–how would it help them as witnesses?

Read John 15:18 – 16:1 and **discuss the following questions**:

- How can you tell whether the person who raises an objection/question is genuinely seeking God and needs to overcome this barrier or, like the person Jesus describes in this passage, they have already decided to reject Jesus?
- After describing this rejection, Jesus says in verses 26-27, "But…". How do the Spirit's witness and our witness change the scenario (why does Jesus say "but")?
- **Read 16:1 again**.
- Why would Jesus' warning about rejection keep the disciples from falling away?

→ LOOK FORWARD

Put it into practice.

Go back to your list of questions/objections you have encountered (previous page). Try to come up with a discerning question you could ask to find out more of where the person is coming from and find a possible response/answer. Remember, your response should open their heart to God, not belittle their thoughts. Don't worry if you don't have a clever answer.

Summary

Rejection is a part of your growth as a witness and doesn't mean failure for you any more than it did for Jesus. However, we should not interpret questions and objections to be rejection, but rather as opportunities to help a person get past a barrier in their journey to faith in Christ. Rather than trying to win an argument, we should ask, "How can I respond in a way that will open this person's heart to God?"

Before next meeting

- ☐ Read Chapter 12 of *Ambushed by God.*
- ☐ Use the daily devotions in your *'Live as a Witness!'* Journal.
- ☐ Share one thing that impacted you out of today's study with someone outside the group.

Accountability

Pray for each other's preparation for rejection. Ask God to use difficult conversations to help you grow as witnesses. Pray for the people you have encountered this week. And pray that God will open doors for the gospel.

SESSION 13:
Sharing the Gospel

→ LOOK BACK

Share. Take time to share what is happening in your encounters with non-Christian people. Have you been able to open up conversations by using questions? Also, what has God been teaching you this past week through your *Live As A Witness!* journal and through *Ambushed by God?*

Pray for today's session.

→ LOOK UP

(Read this) ***Lifestyle Priority #8: Clearly communicating the gospel message and inviting them to put their trust in Christ.***

As we have seen throughout this small group course, evangelism is so much more than sharing the gospel. But evangelism is never complete until we have shared the gospel message and invited the person to put their trust in Christ. Today we look at what is involved in actually sharing the gospel with someone.

When you think about sharing the gospel message with someone, which key Bible verses come to mind?

What do you see as the 'bare essential' truths that a person has to understand and believe in order to be saved?

Watch

Watch the video: *Session 13 – 'Sharing the gospel'* at mylife2life.com/videos

As you watch, note down the three things you should be sure to help a person understand when sharing the gospel:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

→ DIG DEEPER

Look at the text together

Read Peter's sharing of the gospel in Acts 10:34-43. Identify the main points Peter shares:

Then **read Paul's sharing of the gospel in Romans 3:19-26**. How are these two instances of sharing the gospel different?

What does that difference teach you about sharing the gospel?

Read Acts 17:22-34. Do you think Paul shares the gospel in this passage? What were they 'believing' (verse 34)?

→ LOOK FORWARD

Put it into practice. Pray for each other to have an opportunity to share the gospel with someone this week. Pray that God would "Open a door, open their hearts, and open my mouth." Also pray for your invitations to people to do a Bible study with you.

Summary

When you get a chance to share the gospel with someone, emphasise;

1) God loves them,
2) their need for God, and
3) God's way for us to become right with him.

Before next meeting

- ☐ Ask God to give you an opportunity to share the gospel with someone this week.
- ☐ Read Chapter 13 of *Ambushed by God*.
- ☐ Use the daily devotions in your *'Live as a Witness!'* Journal.
- ☐ Share one thing that impacted you out of today's study with someone outside the group.

Accountability

Have one person have a try at sharing the gospel using the simple 'bridge to life' diagram that John demonstrated in the video. Pray for each other to have an opportunity to share the gospel with someone this week. Pray that God would "Open a door, open their hearts, and open my mouth." Also pray for your invitations to people to do a Bible study with you.

SESSION 14:
Living the Giving Lifestyle

→ LOOK BACK

Share. Take some group time to share how things went if you had an opportunity to share the gospel this week. Also share how you are going with inviting a person or a couple to do a Bible study with you. What has God been saying to you through your *Live As A Witness!* daily readings and through *Ambushed by God?*

Pray for today's session.

→ LOOK UP

(Read this) ***Lifestyle Priority #9: Caring more about how I minister to others than about how they treat me.***

We tend to evaluate encounters with people based on how the encounter impacted us. But a witness for Jesus evaluates encounters with people based on whether we ourselves were able to show the people we encounter the love of God. This is a lifestyle that is constantly loving and giving of ourselves into the lives of the people around us.

Read Luke 5:27-32. Discuss the following and make some notes: Do you think Jesus and the disciples would have felt uncomfortable with the worldliness and values of these secular, 'non-Christian' people? Why or why not?

Why do you think the Pharisees were upset? Was this reason legitimate?

Why did Jesus and the disciples hang out with those people?

What bearing does your answer have on our lives today?

In the passage you just looked at, Jesus was in an environment that upset the religious leaders and implied to them that he accepted those 'sinners' way of life. Does this mean that any environment is acceptable? Discuss which of the following environments you could legitimately and intentionally go into as a witness for Jesus. Give your reasons:

- **Drinks with colleagues after work**
- **Dating a non-Christian**
- **Club dancing**
- **Sydney Gay Mardi Gras**
- **A nude beach**

What precautions should be taken when considering going into a secular environment as a witness?

Watch

Watch the video: ***Session 14 – 'Living the giving lifestyle'*** **at mylife2life.com/videos**

As you watch, note down John's answer to the question "How can I keep from becoming worldly if I'm spending relational time with worldly people?"

→ DIG DEEPER

Look at the text together

Read 1 Corinthians 8-9. As you read these two chapters, make a list below of the freedoms and rights that Paul talks about.

Then go back and notice how Paul's ministry mindset (his way of life that cares more about how he can minister to others than about how they treat him) affects his attitude towards his own rights and freedoms in Christ. **Re-read 1 Corinthians 8:9, 9:12-23 and 10:23-33**. What would this ministry mindset look like in your own attitude toward those who don't share your preferences or views?

→ LOOK FORWARD

Put it into practice. Think of someone who has recently treated you badly. Ask God how he wants to use you in that person's life. Write down your conclusions and obediently take your first step.

Summary

We have many biblical and spiritual rights and freedoms in Christ. But a person with a ministry mindset is willing to set even these aside in order to minister to someone. A ministry-minded person does not focus on how the other person treats them, but on how they can minister to that person in Jesus' name.

Lifestyle Priority #9: ***Caring more about how I minister to others than about how they treat me.***

Before next meeting

- ☐ Read Chapter 14 of *Ambushed by God.*
- ☐ Invite a person or couple to do a Bible study with you.
- ☐ Use the daily devotions in your *'Live as a Witness!'* Journal.
- ☐ Share one thing that impacted you out of today's study with someone outside the group.

Accountability

Pray for those you have invited (or plan to invite) to do a Bible study by the end of this course. And pray that conversations will turn toward the gospel. Pray that God will grow in you a ministry mindset!

SESSION 15:
One-time Gospel Conversations

→ LOOK BACK

Share. Several people share how your key redemptive relationships are developing. Also share how you are going with inviting a person or a couple to do a Bible study with you. What has God been saying to you through your *Live As A Witness!* daily readings and through *Ambushed by God?*

Pray for today's session.

→ LOOK UP

(Read this) ***Key Principle: When God brings someone into your life in a brief encounter, you have a role to play in their journey towards Jesus.***

We can get so focused on journeying towards Jesus with our long-term relationships that we don't notice the one-time gospel opportunities God brings our way. We need to recognise that these people are already on a spiritual journey and actively help them take the next step.

Write a list of as many people as you can remember that you have had one-time conversations with (about anything, doesn't need to be spiritual) in the last month (If you can remember it, write beside each person the topic of conversation): e.g. "cashier at the servo: asked how long he had been working there".

Did anyone in this group put his/her trust in Jesus through a one-time gospel conversation? If so, have them share the story. Or if someone has led another person to Christ through a one-time conversation.

Look at the list of *Witnessing Lifestyle Priorities* we have covered so far and discuss which of these come into play in a one-time encounter with someone versus those that only apply to longer term relationships. Do you see yourself beginning to approach encounters with these priorities in mind?

1. A sense of sentness in every circumstance and encounter
2. Building real friendships with non-Christian people
3. Helping people take the next step on their journey towards Christ
4. Praying regularly by name for the people in my life who don't know Jesus
5. Accepting my inadequacy and trusting Jesus to reach people through me
6. Finding connecting points between the gospel and the person I am trying to reach
7. Drawing those I am trying to reach into real Christian community
8. Clearly communicating the gospel message and inviting them to put their trust in Christ
9. Caring more about how I minister to others than about how they treat me.

Watch

Watch the video: *Session 15 – 'One-off encounters'* at mylife2life.com/videos

As you watch, make some notes from what John says about creating an environment that 'begs the question'.

→ DIG DEEPER

Look at the text together. We have seen that almost all the conversion stories in the New Testament show evidence of a journey the person goes on before they turn to Christ. Yet in most of these stories that person crosses the line to faith in Christ during a one-time encounter: Jesus and Nicodemus *(John 3)*, Jesus and the Woman at the Well *(John 4)*, Peter and Cornelius *(Acts 10:17-48)*, Paul and the Philippian gaoler *(Acts 16:16-34)*, Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch *(Acts 8:26-40)*. Consider these stories and ask two questions of each:

a). How did the person living as a witness know that the person they encountered was searching and ready to cross the line to faith in Christ? How can you find this out in your encounters?

b). What can you learn from how they moved towards the challenge to respond to Christ?

→ LOOK FORWARD

Put it into practice. Ask God to give you a one-time gospel encounter this week to practice these principles on.

Summary

The fact that both in Scripture and in life today, God so often uses one-time encounters to help a person cross the line and put their faith in Christ should make us always alert to where the person we have encountered is in their journey toward God. We should be looking for paths to the gospel as we speak to them.

Before next meeting

- ☐ Read Chapter 15 of *Ambushed by God.*
- ☐ Invite a person or couple to do a Bible study with you.
- ☐ Use the daily devotions in your *'Live as a Witness!'* Journal.
- ☐ Share one thing that impacted you out of today's study with someone outside the group.

Accountability

Each person share one of their one-time encounters that they feel like could have gone towards the gospel.
Discuss together some approaches you could have taken in that situation, applying what we have learned today.
Pray together for those you are inviting to do an evangelistic Bible study with you.

SESSION 16:
Things That Make the Gospel Attractive

→ LOOK BACK

Share. Share in the group how your key redemptive relationships are developing. Also share who you will be taking through *Life2Life* and when you will be starting that new Huddle. What has God been saying to you through your *Live As A Witness!* daily readings and through *Ambushed by God?*

Pray for today's session.

→ LOOK UP

(Read this) ***Lifestyle Priority #10: Speaking out with the confidence that this person's heart longs for God.***

Within a person's heart is the instinctive sense that things are not as they should be, that something is missing. They may not realise that it is God they are searching for, but they are searching nonetheless.

What are the main areas in people's lives you encounter, in which you witness their brokenness? That is, where do you see damage in the lives of the people you know, as a result of fallenness? Make a list of 6 ways you personally see brokenness in the lives of people you know:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____

Together with one other person, look at both of your lists and choose a 'top five' list of the 5 most significant areas of brokenness.

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____

Then join with another pair. Look at their top five and yours and boil it down to the top 3.

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____

Have each group share their top 3 areas of fallenness visible in people you encounter. Discuss how this expresses people's search for God (even if they don't know that he is what they are searching for). List all the top 3 areas shared below on the left:

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

Watch

Watch the video: *Session 16 – 'Your three allies'* at mylife2life.com/videos

As you watch, be sure to note down your three allies in sharing Christ with people:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

→ DIG DEEPER

Look back at your list (previous page) of areas of brokenness. For each item, discuss what aspect of the Christian life binds up that wound of brokenness. Then write it to the right of that item.

When you are finished, go back and see if you can write a Bible reference next to each, which speaks to that.

(Read this) These aspects of the Christian life are what speak to our fallenness–to the inner search felt by every person–these are the things that make the gospel attractive. When you are interacting with people as a witness, try to identify the ways they are feeling their fallenness and connect the beauty of the gospel message to that. In this way they will see that what they are actually searching for is God.

→ LOOK FORWARD

Put it into practice. Try to have a conversation with one of your three people this week, in which you connect the gospel with an area in which they are feeling their brokenness.

Summary

Lifestyle Priority #10: *Speaking out with the confidence that this person's heart longs for God.*

When you identify the primary ways that fallenness is impacting a person's life, you know the areas in which they are searching. What they may not realise (and you want to help them see) is that what they are searching for is God–the only one who can meet them at their point of brokenness.

By connecting them to the aspects of the Christian life that bind up their areas of brokenness, you make the gospel attractive and help them see that it is God they need. Because you know they feel their own need, their own fallenness, you can speak out with confidence.

Before next meeting

- ☐ Read Chapter 16 of *Ambushed by God*.
- ☐ Invite 2-3 people to do *Life2Life* with you..
- ☐ Use the daily devotions in your ***'Live as a Witness!'*** Journal.
- ☐ Share one thing that impacted you out of today's study with someone outside the group.

Accountability

Talk together about the people you have been praying for. Share the main areas of fallenness you see in those people's lives and discuss how you plan to share with them the beauty of how Christ can bind up that fallenness, using the things surfaced in today's session.

Write your action plan down here:

SESSION 17:
Your Personal Relationship with God

→ LOOK BACK

Share. Share how your key redemptive relationships are developing. Were you able to have any conversations this week that connected God with people's felt needs? Also talk about who you are inviting to do *Life2Life* with you. What has God been saying to you through your *Live As A Witness!* daily readings and through A*mbushed by God?*

Pray for today's session.

→ LOOK UP

KEY PRINCIPLE*: Your own relationship with God gives authenticity to your invitation to others to start a personal relationship with God.*

Since you are inviting them into a personal relationship with God it's important that you let them see your own relationship with God in the things you share and the way you talk about him.

Make a list of the spiritual habits/disciplines that have helped you the most in your own personal spiritual growth as a Christian:

Several people share with the group a few of the things on your list and how they have helped you. Also discuss what has been difficult about making these disciplines a part of your life. Jot down some notes from what is shared:

Watch

Watch the video: *Session 17 – 'Your relationship with God'* at mylife2life.com/videos

As you watch, make a few notes about each of the kinds of Christianity John talks about. Try to identify where you are right now, from John's descriptions:

- Nominal Christianity:
- Traditional Christianity:

• Habitual Christianity:

• Theoretical Christianity:

• Personal Christianity:

→ DIG DEEPER

KEY PASSAGE: **2 Timothy 1:8-12** (**read the verse**)

Note Paul's challenge to Timothy in verse 8, *"do not be ashamed"*, and his statement in verse 12, "*I am not ashamed".* What is Timothy not to be ashamed of and what is he to do instead? What is Paul not ashamed of *(verse 12)?* Note that the reason Paul is not ashamed is "*because I know whom I have believed*". How would this have been different if he had said, *"because I know what I have believed"?* Apply Paul's relational approach to his Christianity to the following – how is each side of these statements different *(note that neither side of each comparison is 'wrong'*) from each other?

• Relational prayer vs praying to get answers

• Relational Bible study vs learning the Bible

• Learning doctrine to be right vs learning doctrine to understand the one you love

• Believing in truths vs believing in a person

• Commitment to a way of life vs commitment to a person

• Disappointment in myself for failing again vs grieved that I have hurt someone I love

→ LOOK FORWARD

Put it into practice. Make a relational commitment to your relational God to centre all your Christian activity on your relationship with Him.

Summary

Your invitation to someone to begin a personal relationship with God gains great power when they see your Christian life as a personal relationship with God. So refocus your Christian life on that relationship with God and then talk openly about it with them.

Before next meeting

- ☐ Read Chapter 17 of ***Ambushed by God***.
- ☐ Invite Invite 2-3 people to do *Life2Life* with you.
- ☐ Share one thing that impacted you out of today's study with someone you plan to do *Life2Life* with.

Accountability

Talk together about areas of your Christian life that need to be refocused onto your relationship with God. Pray and ask God to forgive you and pray for one another's growth in this area. Also pray for those you plan to do a Bible study with.

SESSION 18:
Sent (Our Final Session!)

→ LOOK BACK

Share. Each person share what you think is the biggest way that *Life2Life* has impacted your life. Also, if your group is doing *LifeWorks* together, talk about who you are inviting to the *LifeWorks* Introduction BBQ.

Pray for today's session.

→ LOOK UP

KEY PRINCIPLE: ***When Jesus finished developing his disciples in this way of life he sent them out into the world to be his ambassadors for the rest of their lives.*** As you finish *Life2Life*, Jesus is sending you as his trained representative into the world for the rest of your life.

Look through this list of our *10 Lifestyle Priorities of a Witness for Jesus*. Beside each one put a number from 1-10 *(10 is the highest)* that represents how you are going with developing that priority:

10 Lifestyle Priorities of a Witness for Jesus	**(1-10)**
1. A sense of sentness in every circumstance and encounter	( )
2. Building real friendships with non-Christian people	( )
3. Helping people take the next step on their journey towards Christ	( )
4. Praying regularly by name for the people in my life who don't know Jesus	( )
5. Accepting my inadequacy and trusting Jesus to reach people through me	( )
6. Finding connecting points between the gospel and the person I am trying to reach	( )
7. Drawing those I am trying to reach into real Christian community	( )
8. Clearly communicating the gospel message and inviting them to put their trust in Christ	( )
9. Caring more about how I minister to others than about how they treat me	( )
10. Speaking out with the confidence that this person's heart longs for God	( )

Pray together as a group. Each person choose two of the *Lifestyle Priorities* that they most want to grow in and talk to God about it. When each person finishes, someone else pray for them before moving on to pray about their own two *Lifestyle Priorities*.

→ DIG DEEPER

KEY PASSAGE: Matthew 28:18-20 (read the verses)

Verse 19 is usually translated into two English commands, *"go"* and *"make disciples"*. But in the original language the New Testament was written in, the first of these is not a command but a participle. That means it is more accurately translated, *"As you go, make disciples…"*. How does this change the meaning of this verse and what it means for your life?

Note that Jesus' command is to *"… make disciples"*, not to 'make Christians'. If someone you have been praying for and witnessing to puts their faith in Christ, how can you help them become a disciple of Jesus who is growing spiritually and sharing their own faith with others?

Discuss as a group how you will build accountability regarding your redemptive relationships, and prayer for those people (and one another's witness) into your ongoing group experience after *Life2Life* is finished.

All the data shows that people in those groups that simply move on begin losing what they gained. But people in groups that have these two factors (accountability regarding their witness and prayer by name for people who need Christ) keep on increasing in their effective witness for Christ long after *Life2Life* is done![1]

Watch

Watch the video: ***Session 18 – 'Sent'*** **at mylife2life.com/videos**

As you watch, think about God's purpose in bringing you through *Life2Life*. Write down your thoughts:

→ LOOK FORWARD

Put it into practice. As your *Life2Life* study comes to an end, what will you put in place in your life to make sure that your sense of sentness keeps growing, and you keep becoming a more effective witness?

Summary

God has begun a deep change in your Christian life. But you must actively nurture it if you want to mature into a lifelong witness for Jesus.

Accountability

If your group is doing *LifeWorks* together with those you have invited, remember that there will not be time set aside for your Accountability sharing and praying time, so set a plan together right now for how you will connect in the future to share about your witnessing encounters and to pray for one another as you meet with people to lead them to Christ *(Whats App group? Text messaging? Get togethers? Something else?)*.

Now pray very specifically regarding those you will now be taking through *Life2Life* - just as someone has taken you through *Life2Life!*

In the coming weeks

- ☐ Keep reading ***Ambushed by God***. It will keep renewing your mind and inspiring you with what the life of a witness for Jesus looks like. The final few chapters are about sharing Christ with family members.
- ☐ Invite 2-3 people to go through *Life2Life* with you and grow this movement of witnesses for Jesus!
- ☐ Head to mylife2life.com/impact and share how your journey through *Life2Life* has impacted your own life and that of your church, and what has happened in your witnessing relationships so far.

[1] *Based on Dr. Roy King's doctoral dissertation and his extensive research on the most effective method of developing people for evangelism.*

WHAT NEXT? What to do after finishing *Life2Life.*

1. **Keep growing to be a more effective witness by subscribing to the Practical Evangelism Blog**

   At Ambassadors for Christ International (AFCI) we have created a blog called the *Practical Evangelism Blog*, designed to be a regular input in your life, keeping your sense of sentness growing and helping you with practical witnessing suggestions. Check it out (and subscribe) at mylife2life.com/blog

2. **Take others through *Life2Life***

   Jesus' plan for the evangelisation of the world started with him approaching four men and inviting them to learn to be effective witnesses (fishers of men). That group would grow to include more people, but at the end of their training Jesus expected them to train others, who would then also train others. Now that you are learning to live out your sentness in the lives of those around you, Jesus expects you to take others on this same journey. Gather a few people who are eager to grow as witnesses, send them to mylife2life.com to register and receive their materials, and form a new *Life2Life* Huddle!

3. **Become a financial partner with us to accelerate the spread of the gospel!**

   In Jesus' ministry and the Apostle Paul's ministry, people who had a vision for the growing movement supported it financially and accelerated the spread of the gospel. If you would like to support AFCI's growing movement of evangelism through *EvangelismSHIFT* and *Life2Life*, head to mylife2life.com/partner.

4. **Build a disciplemaking culture into the strategic approach to ministry at your church**

   If you are a church leader, you understand that *Life2Life* is just one part of a disciplemaking pathway. Thinking beyond *Life2Life* you need a plan to connect with lost people, to win them to faith in Christ, to build the spiritual foundations into new believers, then to train them in the four evangelism strategies of Jesus, then to develop them to be part of a multiplication team, expanding the impact of your church far beyond its current impact.

   Head to mylife2life.com/evangelismshift to find out more about how *EvangelismSHIFT* can take your church leadership on a transformational two-year journey to develop a witnessing culture and a disciplemaking pathway that is unique to your own church.

   If you are a church leader wanting to develop an effective and well-rounded evangelism strategy for your church, then also check out the online video courses at mylife2life.com/onlinecourses. We are developing a series of online courses to help you put effective strategies in place.

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