



Introduction

Jerry

I was trained by the Baptist to practice crusade evangelism like [Billy Graham](#) practiced it. My church was First Southern Del City, and we had the means to reproduce in our town what Billy Graham did all over the world. We had 4 or more crusades a year. One of them lasted for 16 days during the summer. It worked. Thousands of people made professions of faith and the church grew dramatically.

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When I was a youth minister at First Baptist Church Yukon, I trained to do evangelism the way it was being taught by [Dr. James Kennedy](#). The program was called evangelism explosion. You made evangelism one of the ministries of your church that people can join like joining the choir or Sunday School. When they join the program, you train them to share the gospel of Jesus with others. Then you go out in teams and knock-on doors or stop people in the streets and share Jesus with those who will listen.

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In other words, these plans were good plans, and a lot of people came to know Jesus through these plans, but these plans were not reproducible for every church or more importantly for every believer.

What is a reproducible plan for every church and every believer to reach the lost?

Brandon

Guardrail 2: We will reach the lost.

Let us follow the example of Jesus.

Matthew 4:19

19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

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What was His plan?

Body

Jerry

Jesus was God the Son who had a personal relationship with God the Father. His plan to reach the lost was born out of that relationship. He prayed for the father to lead Him to those that were lost that He wanted Him to disciple.

Luke 6:12-13

12 Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

**13 And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles:
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Peter followed the example of Jesus. He prayed for the Father to lead Him to those He wanted Him to reach (Story-Acts 10:9-48)

After Jesus was directed by prayer to those that the Father wanted Him to reach, what did Jesus do next.

Brandon

What Jesus did next is clearly revealed to us in the story of the last supper in John 13:1-17.

John 13:1-17

1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

2 And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him,

3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God,

4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.

5 After that, He poured water into a basin (pic of water) and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"

7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."

8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!" (pic of washing feet)

10 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."

11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"

13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am.

14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.

**17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.
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From this story we see a clear example of what Jesus did to reach the people that the Father directed Him to reach.

1. Jesus shared life with those that the Father led Him to reach.

He had his last supper with them. That is very intimate.

2. Jesus shared love with those that the Father led Him to reach.

He washed their feet.

3. Jesus shared lessons about Himself with those that the Father led Him to reach.

He used what He did for them to teach them a lesson about Himself.

Jerry

There were those that Jesus led to the Father through a casual contact with them. But for three- and one-half years, Jesus focused on sharing life, sharing love, and sharing lessons about Himself with these 12 people. It took a lot of time. It was expensive. It was a process. They changed the world!

Conclusion

As you pray, is there something more you can do to find those the Father wants you to reach?

Jesus went after them. He traveled from place to place looking for them. He invited them into relationship with him. Jesus did not have a build it and they will come mentality.

Some may attend a church on their own initiative, but most will not. To reach people the way Jesus did it, you must [open your life \(pic\)](#) and get in the trenches with people. You must do everything you can to connect with lost people.

This means invite them into your home or invite them to meals with you or invite them to attend something fun with you or go join something were lost people hang out. This is what Jesus did and this is what we must do to follow Him.

Brandon

(Interview with Brandon, Joseph, and Dylan – [together church](#))

Invitation for anyone here to come and talk to Hugh about how Jesus can change your life just like He changed Dylan's life.

Jerry

(During the preparation for Baptism of Dylan share what motivated Jesus?)

What motivated Jesus was the love of the Father and His love for others. As God, Jesus could see eternity and He could see what was at stake for people that He cared about.

For us to be motivated to reach the lost, we must know the love of the Father and abide in His love. And we must see eternity through the eyes of Jesus and see what is at stake for people.

Invitation

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Follow Jesus!

- 1. Devote yourself to pray for the Father to lead you to those He wants you to reach.**
- 2. Start sharing life with those that the Father leads you to reach.**
- 3. Share love with those that the Father leads you to reach.**
- 4. Share lessons about Jesus with those that the Father leads you to reach.**