

## SECTION 2 JESUS FILM TRAINING MANUAL

### Topic 3: God's Priority and Plan for my Life

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this session is to help us understand what is God's Priority and Plan for my life and how to communicate the Gospel in a way which is relevant to the receiver.

**Learning Objectives:**

1. Explain how to make contact and retain it.
2. Explain some key principles of communication.
3. Explain the goals and ways to reach out.

**God's Vision:**

"This is good and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim 2:3-4)

**Bottom line:**

"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others." (2 Tim 2:2)



#### A. GOD'S PRIORITY & PLAN FOR ALL CHRISTIANS

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**1. God's priority:**

- Fulfil the Great Commission in this generation. (Matthew 28:18-20)

**2. God's plan:**

- Spiritual multiplication. (2 Timothy 2:2)  
Spiritual multiplication involve both evangelism and follow-up.

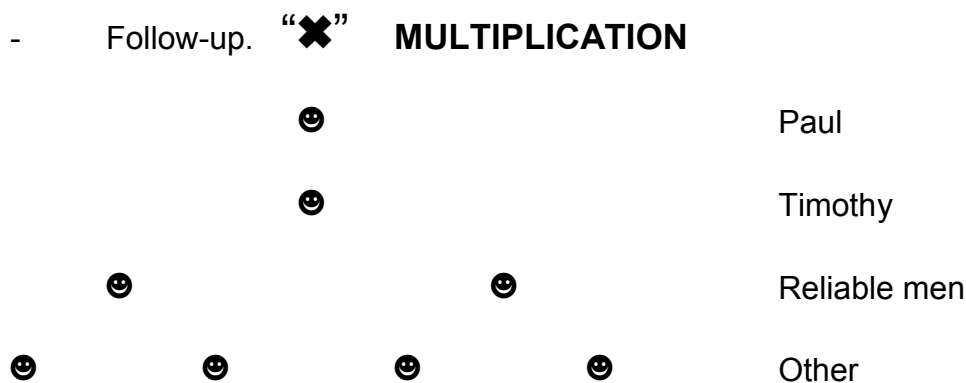
- Evangelism. **“+” ADDITION**



Paul

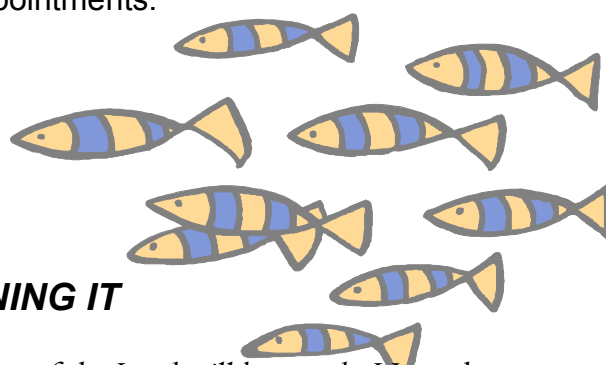


Other



**B. FOLLOW-UP (MULTIPLICATION) METHODS**

1. Individual follow-up: Personal appointments.
2. Group follow-up
3. Discipleship group



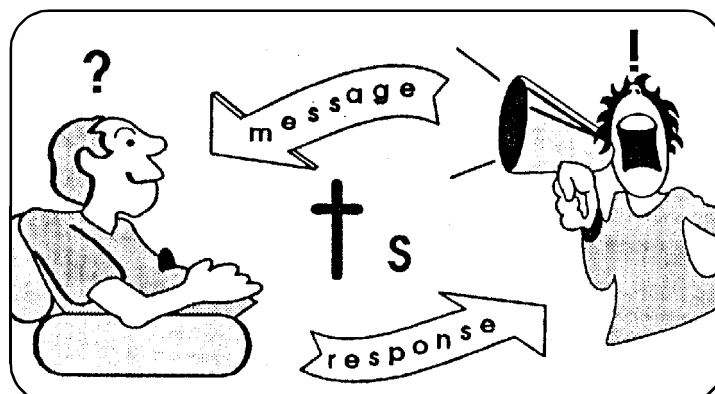
**C. MAKING CONTACT AND RETAINING IT**

Paul wrote, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" (Rom.10:13-14)

1. **God's guidance Eph 2:10**  
We can trust that God will lead us to those people whom He wants us to help.
2. **Prayer Jer 33:3**  
We pray for those people we meet, and for ourselves, so that we learn to be sensitive to understand other people and to find the right words.  
Prayer is dependence on God. It frees us from trying on our own.
3. **The Attitude 1 Cor 9:19-23**  
The desire to be: available, to love, to be open, to be willing to listen, to show positive acceptance and interest in other people.  
Communicate on the conditions set by the other person!
4. **Goal 2 Cor 5:18-19**  
(a) Preaching the Gospel, (b) leading to Christ and (c) bringing into the fellowship of the Church. Always remember to keep the goal in mind!

**D. INTERACTION**

**The sender** - is a person, who has experienced the reality of the Gospel in his life, and wants other people to experience it in their lives also.



**The message** - is God's love and what Jesus Christ has done for us.

**The receiver** - is our neighbour with whom we want to share the Gospel - a unique person whom God has created and whom He loves.

**Response** - is what the receiver says and what we can "read" from his expressions and gestures. (body language)

## E. CRITICAL STEPS IN WITNESSING

Give the invitation to pray and receive Christ.

About a personal relationship

Talking about Jesus Christ

Starting the conversation

### **Questions for discussion:**

1. How do you feel about discussing Christianity with your colleagues or your relatives?
2. In which aspects of spiritual life are people interested in according to your experience?
3. How can one talk about Jesus without making the listener uncomfortable?

## F. THE GOALS OF REACHING OUT

1. Reaching out to all people of the region.
2. Discussing spiritual questions, sharing the Gospel.
3. Inviting to the meetings, church services, and small groups.
4. Giving a positive impression of Christ, of the Church, and of the mission.

**The effectiveness of the mission (JESUS-film) much depends on the whole population of the area being reached.**

## **G. WAYS TO REACH OUT**

The following ways of reaching out are being used during the mission (JESUS-film). This training will concentrate on sections 1-3, which are the main tasks of voluntary workers.

1. The Andrew method
2. Random contacts (buses, bars, streets...)
3. Distributing materials
4. Telephone
5. Home visitation
6. Small meetings in homes
7. Press, radio, TV, Internet
8. Visits to schools, corporations, etc.
9. Visits to associations, trade unions (business lunches, etc.)
10. The JESUS-film.



### **1. The Andrew method** (See: Page 41)

Andrew was never a high-profile apostle, reaching multitudes of people. In fact, he was so unnoticed, that the Gospel of John mentions him only three times. Even in two of those places John had to remind people of who he was: "Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter."

However, in all of those three places he was bringing people to Jesus:  
John, 1:40-42 — *his own brother;*

John 12:20-22 — *Greek pagans.*  
 John 6:8-9 — *a boy with five loaves of bread*

and two fish,

Around every Christian there are people who need someone like Andrew to bring them the news of Christ. Those people can be your relatives, neighbours, colleagues, childhood friends etc.

God wants you to be "Andrew", too, praying for your people, telling them about Jesus and inviting them to the mission (JESUS-film) and following them up.



### So what can you do?

1. Pray that God will show five people who are close to you and who will be your "mission field".
2. Make this "Andrew-list" your most important prayer item from now on.
3. Ask God for wisdom, love and courage to help you to minister to them.
4. Be prepared to tell them about Jesus and to invite them to the mission and to other activities of the church. **Take the initiative!**

## 2. Random contacts

In addition to Andrew, we have occasional contacts with people God leads us to, often even when we do not expect it. He wants that we: "are prepared to answer anyone who asks about the reason for the hope we have", even in odd situations (1 Peter 3:15).

We meet people at work, schools, stations, shops, cafes, streets, churches and especially in queues (lines).

a. How could we use these opportunities God has given us to share the Gospel and give invitations to the mission?

1. **Pray** - that God will give you a **sensitivity** to be used by Him and **love** to do your very best for the people close to you. Pray that you could be straight forward and bold without being provoking or insulting.



2. **Be prepared** - Always carry the appropriate **material** on you: invitation cards for the mission, Christian magazines, "4SL" booklets. Be prepared to share your personal testimony about what Jesus means to you.

**3. Listen actively** - Talk to your partner, be interested, ask for his opinions. Then he will also listen to you.

**4. Bravely take the initiative**

b. Memorize the questions that lead to a deeper conversation:

- Have you heard about the mission (JESUS-film)?
- What do you think about it?
- Would you like to get information about the basic truths of Christianity?
- Are you familiar with the "4SL" booklet?
- Would you like to come to the mission (JESUS-film) with me?

c. Other good questions:

- What is the purpose of your life?
- Are you interested in Christianity?
- Jesus means much to me. What do you think about Him?
- What, in your opinion, is a real Christian? Are you one yourself? Would you like to be a Christian?
- If you had a chance to learn to know God personally, would you be interested?
- What would you need to be convinced of about God and Jesus?
- Do you have any good reason not to receive Jesus into your life right now?

Listen carefully to the answers of the other person. In your turn, share your testimony and/or go through the "4SL" booklet.

Always give an invitation to the mission (JESUS-film), and to the church.



## H. PERSONAL STRATEGY

Think of a personal strategy concerning “+” addition and “x” multiplication in your sphere of influence.

SPHERE OF INFLUENCE	ADDITION	MULTIPLICATION
NEIGHBOURHOOD	* * * * *	* * * * *
WORK	* * * * *	* * * * *
CHURCH	* * * * *	* * * * *
SOCIAL LIFE	* * * * *	* * * * *
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### **Assignments:**

1. Read John 4:4-42. Study the way Jesus approached and helped people with the Good News.
2. Fill in your Andrew-card.
3. Pray daily for the names God has given you.

