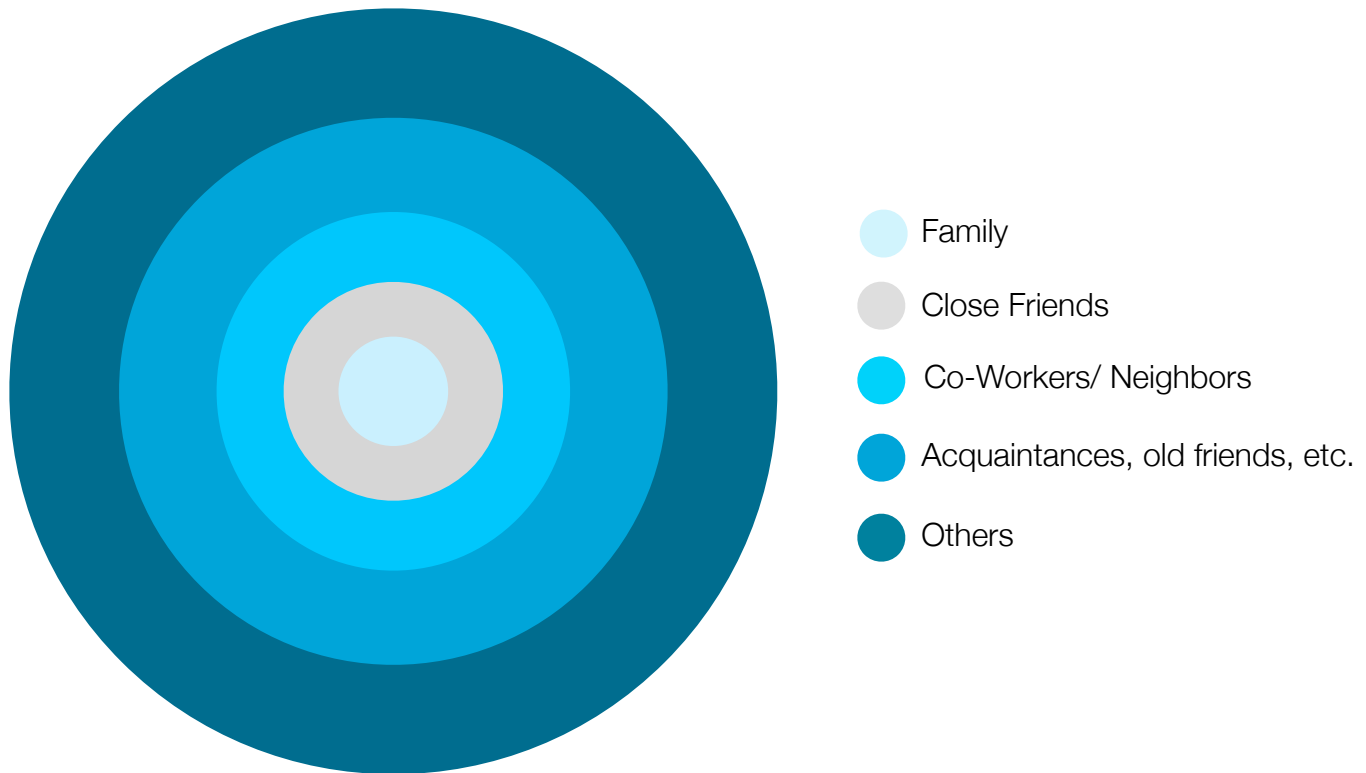


Activity: Spheres of Influence

This activity will help you identify your Circle of Accountability. Think about each of your Spheres of Influence. Take note of the non-believers with whom you can build intentional relationships. Get to know them, pray for them, serve them, and find opportunities to share your grace story and the Gospel. Are there any other believers in your spheres? If so, ask them to live missionally with you in your shared sphere.



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Family:

non-believers	other believers

Close Friends:

non-believers	other believers

Co-workers/ Neighbors:

non-believers	other believers

Acquaintances/ Old Friends:

non-believers	other believers

Others:

non-believers	other believers



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How do we go from being meaningfully present in our circle to having meaningful conversations that center around The Gospel?

Pursue God daily.

(Ephesians 2:17-18; 1 Peter 3:18; Psalm 84:1-2; John 15:1-11; 1 John 1:1-3)

Trust the Holy Spirit.

(John 16:5-15; Acts 1:8; Matthew 10:19-20)

Be you.

- Spiritual Gifts
- Personality
- Talents

Understand the power and sufficiency of Scripture.

(Psalm 19:7-9; Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 24:35)

- Do you have a growing and working knowledge of God's Word?
- Can you bring the Gospel into your daily life?
- Can you bring the Gospel into the lives of others?
- Place the Scriptures in the teaching position.
- Is there flagrant sin in your life?

Learn how to start spiritual conversations (Gospel entry points).

- Look for natural conversational bridges.
 - As you engage them (spending time, blessing them, praying with them)
 - Life situations
- Ask the right questions and listen to their answers.
 - Potential questions:
 - What is your spiritual background?
 - How do you find comfort in difficult times?

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Gospel Conversation cont'd

Potential questions continued

- What will it take for you to feel at rest from your anxiety?
- Has there been a time in your life when it seemed God was not there for you when you really needed Him?
- With all this brokenness around us, do you think there is any hope of things getting better?
- What is your understanding of The Gospel message?
- Who do you think Jesus is?
- In what or where do you find your ultimate hope?

- Share your grace story

(John 9; Mark 5:1-20; Mark 7:31-8:10; John 4:27-42)

- If possible, identify with their story, struggles, and life.
- How has God moved in your life regarding the questions you have asked?
- How has God's Word given you comfort, direction, and hope?
- How did God draw you to Himself (personal salvation story)?
 - "This was my life before Christ. This is my life now. Jesus made the difference." (John Soper)
 - Who were you before you met Christ?
 - How did you become convicted of your sin?
 - When did you embrace the work of Christ on the cross?
 - How has embracing Christ changed your life?
- What causes you to continue to seek after Christ?
- What is God's activity in your life today?
 - How has God demonstrated His faithfulness to you?
 - How has God's Word shown itself to be true and powerful?
 - How has the Gospel affected your view on life in the midst of difficult circumstances?
 - Why do you and your family do the things you do and make the decisions you make?
 - How has God used His people to bless you?

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- Invite them to engage a resource.
 - This provides a great way for them to process the Gospel on their own.
 - It is a great way to move the conversation forward.
 - Engage in the resource with them.

- Point them to the person of Jesus Christ and nothing else.
(John 4:26; John 20:30-31; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Acts 2:14-41)
 - Through your life and actions
 - Through your questions
 - Through your grace story
 - Through appropriate resources

- Overcome the fear of rejection.
 - Relax...
 - It is not up to you to save them...that is God's job
(2 Corinthians 4:1-6; John 4:41-44)
 - Invest
 - Invest in the relationship and the person, not an outcome.
 - Remember
 - If they reject the Gospel, they are not just rejecting you, they are rejecting Jesus (John 15:18-16:4)
 - The harvest is plentiful (Luke 10:1-3; John 4:34-38)
 - People are often more interested in spiritual matters than we realize.

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Session Three: Gospel Conversation cont'd

Questions to consider:

Discuss missional living within your Small Group.

- Have you ever shared the Gospel with a non-Christian? If so, explain your experience.
- What is your greatest strength when it comes to proclaiming The Gospel?
- What is your greatest weakness when it comes to proclaiming The Gospel?
- In what ways are you being challenged in Gospel proclamation?
- What should you do in order to faithfully respond to how you are being challenged?
- How can your small group help you confidently share the Gospel?