

Talking About the Lord with Others (Acts 1:8)

- 1. Watch the corresponding video found online.
- 2. Share the Vision: *Talking about the Lord with Others* is the opportunity and calling of every believer to represent Jesus to those around us. We often use radiating circles of influence to envision this for us in order:
 - Our family and Lifegroup family
 - Our oikos (sphere of influence includes neighborhood and workplace)
 - Our community
 - Our world

Some ways to experience Talking about the Lord with Others

(The specific tools you will impart each time are in bold.)

- Have a group discussion on what keeps us from sharing our stories and the gospel.
 Then pray into these for us to be more bold and aware of opportunities to share Jesus.
 (Include Me Prayer)
- 2. Walk through the acronym iLOVE
 - i: Initiate
 - L: Listen
 - O: Offer Jesus (Be Jesus to them: pray for, serve, etc.)
 - V: Visual (Bridge illustration)
 - E: Engage in DBS

You can walk through iLOVE in multiple weeks, breaking it down or just spend one week on how to share the Bridge illustration. (*This is what is covered in Kindle*)

3. Practice sharing your Fifteen-Second Story.

- 4. Look for spiritual conversation entry points. Pray for common struggles, ask the Miracle Question, and follow the Spirit's prompts.
- 5. Discuss creative ways to engage your *oikos* and bless them. Break into smaller groups to pray for your *oikos* and the lost. (Prayer/Care/Share)
- 6. Go on a Prayer Walk together in someone's neighborhood or serve together in an outreach.
- 7. Share God Stories. Let everyone know ahead of time so they are prepared to share how God included them or what he is doing in their lives. Be attentive to areas shared that the Spirit may prompt you to pray for that person. This is an especially meaningful Core activity to do when you have guests. It helps them see how real and present Jesus is in each life.

Talk about the Lord with Others coaching:

- 1. Encourage your Lifegroup to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), which requires being missional in everyday life. Be the hands and feet of Jesus! Each of the tools will propel them forward in revealing Jesus to the world.
- 2. Be aware of introverts, and speak to ways everyone can engage no matter their personality type.
- 3. *Talking about the Lord with Others* can easily be forgotten. You must be intentional to experience this consistently in Lifegroup.
- 4. Utilize the Missions team to help you get started or use these tools.
- 5. Pray for the Missions teams, someone in your group going on an Outreach, and periodic CrossBridge missional outreaches: Backyard Bible Club, local ministries, retreats, and camps.
- 6. After this experience, make sure the following week to celebrate what God did by sharing their experiences with others in Lifegroup.

Some Talk About the Lord to Others Scriptures

 Matthew 28:16-20
 Galatians 4:4-7

 Mark 1:14-20
 Ephesians 6:10-20

 John 1:9-18
 Colossians 4:2-6

Acts 1:1-8 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10

Acts 4:5-20 Titus 3:3-7 Romans 5:1-5 1 Peter 2:8-10

Next Steps

As you engage in this experience, look for these ways to spur on your group and to grow personally and in community.

1. Disciple making relationships (D groups)

- 2. Kindle (local Outreach)
- 3. Expand your Missional Footprint events
- 4. CrossBridge Mission Outreach Teams
- 5. CrossBridge Discipleship School (CDS)