



Acts 1:8, *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

- ✳ **You Will Be** | the verb is in the declarative form, not the imperative. The word “witness” describes your identity. It’s who you are.

THE OIKOS PRINCIPLE

Mark 5:1-5, *They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes (Jer-ah-se-nes). When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an evil spirit came from the tombs to meet him. This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him any more, not even with a chain. For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.*

Mark 5:18-19, *As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your family (and friends) and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”*

- ✳ **Home** | oikos: extended household.
- ✳ **The average American has an Oikos that is made up of 8 to 15 people** with whom you have loving, influential relationships.
- ✳ **Your Oikos** | the people God has strategically placed in your “World”; it’s your immediate mission field.
- ✳ **Studies reveal that about 90% of Christians** say the primary way God drew them to faith in Jesus was through someone they had an Oikos relationship with.

John 1:40-42a, *One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus.*

John 1:45, *Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”*

Mark 2:14-15, *As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Levi’s house, many tax collectors and “sinners” were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.*

2 Timothy 1:5, *I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.*

INVEST

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- ✳ **Go Home** | Jesus tells the man that his first priority is to go to his Oikos and tell them about Jesus.

1 John 3:18, *My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action.*

INFORM

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- ✳ **Gospel Conversations** | a conversation about the Person and Work of Jesus with someone who is far from God.
- ✳ **This man had a story that his Oikos needed to hear.** So do you.

YOUR STORY INCLUDES:

- ✳ **What was your life like** before Jesus?
- ✳ **How did you meet Christ;** how did He pursue you?
- ✳ **How did you become** convinced?
- ✳ **How has knowing Jesus** changed your life?

GOSPEL ABC'S

- ✳ **Admit** my need. I am a sinner in need of a Savior. (Romans 3:23)
- ✳ **Believe** Jesus Is the only Solution. Believe in His Person and His Work. (John 3:16)
- ✳ **Choose** to follow Jesus as Lord. (John 1:12)

1 Peter 3:15, *In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.*

Romans 1:16, *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

INVITE

Romans 10:9, *If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

Acts 1:8, *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

GOAL 1: Make time this week to visit with someone far from God.

GOAL 2: Have one Gospel conversation this summer with someone far from God.