

Developing a Passion for the Unchurched

Participant's Handout

The purpose of this module is to

help us discover practical steps to increase our passion for the unchurched.

Objectives :

- **To share practical steps to increase our own passion for those who are away from Christ and His Church.**

A. We can move _____ to our Master.

- a. If we get too far away from our Lord Jesus and the fire of our cools.
- b. Losing that warmth, we contribute little toward the _____ of winning those who don't yet know Jesus.
- c. In our cooled-off condition, (the Lord calls it "luke-warmness," Revelation 3:16), we just don't _____ on the mission.
- d. Most often, our vision goes no further than our own _____.
- e. Instead of focusing on ourselves, we start feeling _____ for those apart from Christ and begin to genuinely care about them.

B. We can understand the difference between " _____ " and " _____ ."

1. " _____ " are those people who tend to extinguish the flames of our passion.
 - a. They are the critics, the _____.
 - b. They are the _____ people who can never see anything good.
 - c. They are the _____ whose fingers are quickly pointed at the flaws of those around them.
2. On the other hand, " _____ " fan the flames of godly passion in our heart.
 - a. They are the _____, the helpers, the cooperative

supporters whose actions and words of appreciation inspire us to move ahead.

- b. Their _____ to see the good in us lifts our spirits. Their “thank yous” brightens our day.
- c. Spend time around “fire-lighters” and we discover we are better than we thought! Our _____ is warmed by their enthusiasm and encouragement.

- 3. We need those who believe in us, who encourage, challenge and _____ us to accomplish more than we would otherwise attempt. We need “fire-lighters.”
- 4. To raise the temperature of our _____ for the unchurched, find encouragers, people who will support and lift you. Find people who believe in you.
- 5. Hang around people who will say by their words and _____,

C. We can learn about _____ people and let their examples inspire us.

- 1. _____. “People with a purpose.”
 - a. Passionate people possess a clear, single-minded vision that inspires and _____ them to accomplish more than expected.
 - b. Passion makes ordinary people _____.
- 2. _____ makes a difference. We can lift the level of our passion.
 - a. We can move closer to our Lord. When we do, the fire of His for humankind will fill us.
 - b. We can find people who _____ in us. We can surround ourselves with “fire-lighters.”
 - c. We can learn not to _____, their negativity to control our mind and heart.
 - d. We can use the _____ that comes from passionate people to encourage, guide and lift us.
 - e. There are things we can do to _____ a passion for the lost in our own heart.
 - f. Our passion will make a _____.

Small Group

The small group exercise portion of the module provides an opportunity for the teams to discuss the information presented and how it applies to their church.

The questions are:

- Describe enthusiastic people. Who do you know who understands or enjoys unbelievers?
- What might they tell you if you asked them the source of their passion?
- Which of their behaviors and attitudes can you adapt?

Action Planning

The homework assignment for this module includes answering and reflecting the following questions:

1. Who in your community or congregation possess the gift of evangelism?
2. Who prays for lost people?
3. Who are the bringers (those who invite unchurched people) in your congregation?
4. Would you profit from meeting (perhaps for an occasional coffee) with these two or more outreach-focused people?