

Passing on a Passion for the Unchurched

Participant's Handout

The purpose of this module is to *present ways we can effectively help others increase their passion for the lost.*

I. Introduction

A. To ignite passion for the unchurched in the hearts of others, we can imitate what Jesus did to _____ passion for the lost in His disciples.

B. Look at Jesus as our _____.

1. Jesus shows us how to live a _____ life.

2. In working with His disciples, Jesus not only called them to follow Him, but He challenged them to _____ and grow beyond what they had ever been before.

3. Here are a few of the things Jesus did to inspire _____ in His disciples.

II. He kept His Father's _____ clear.

A. Over and over, Jesus kept His _____ and mission foremost in His sight.

1. When Satan came to tempt Him, Jesus could have lost _____ of the reason He came, but he did not.

2. He kept true to His purpose. Jesus continued to _____ His father's mission.

B. As He was teaching His disciples, both by His _____ and His words, Jesus passionately and continually shared His clear awareness of His mission: "...The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost," (Luke 19:10).

C. Christ looked for _____ to present the mission. In His actions and in His teaching, He inspired His followers toward His vision.

D. Illustration

E. Over and over again, we _____ what Jesus did. He pursued His Father's mission.

III. He modeled and required a rock-solid _____.

A. Along with keeping the mission before His followers, Jesus _____ what He preached.

1. His commitment to the task was unfailing. When the opportunities to touch lives for God presented themselves, He _____ them.

2. When difficulties blocked His path, He found another way to keep moving forward.
His commitment was _____.

B. A rock-solid commitment is a powerful tool that will _____ and inspire those who want to make a difference in life.

C. Illustration

D. Phillips Brooks said, "A person who lives right, and is right, has more power in his silence than another has by words" (Draper's Quotations for the Christian World, 3428). The example of a rock-solid commitment will challenge others to a similar level of passion.

IV. He _____ his followers in doing ministry.

A. Illustration

B. The _____ of doing ministry inspires.

1. Doing ministry is different from _____ ministry.

2. Doing ministry has to wrestle with _____, hindrances and barriers.

3. Doing ministry has to overcome _____ and inconveniences.

4. Doing ministry is _____.

C. Jesus knew the difference between discussing ministry and doing ministry. That's why once He had assembled His disciples together, instead of hosting a seminar, Jesus immediately "...sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick" (Luke 9:2).

D. What was Jesus doing? He was involving His followers in doing ministry.

1. Someone said, "He who is pulling on the oars seldom has time to rock the boat." Those heavily involved in ministering rarely have the time or inclination to become _____.

2. "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says" (James 1:22).

3. When we do the work of ministry, we discover a whole new _____. Doing ministry inspires.

V. Through the Holy Spirit, He _____ into their hearts.

A. Jesus knew the essential need to move into the _____ of His followers.

1. Apart from an indwelling _____, the disciples would remain inconsistent and mostly ineffective.

2. So, Jesus told them in advance that He would _____ and the Holy

Spirit would take his place. "But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you" (John 14:26).

- B. The _____ can move into the hearts of others.
 - 1. We can help those around us find the inner _____ and strength the Holy Spirit provides.
 - 2. The Holy Spirit _____ a fire and passion.
- C. The disciples most _____ days came after they were filled with the Holy Spirit.
 - 1. The New Testament book of "Acts" (as in the "Acts of the Apostles,") could be called the "Acts of the _____ Apostles."
 - 2. When the Holy Spirit _____ the hearts of God's believers, our passion and effectiveness dramatically increase.

VI. Conclusion

- A. Passion for the unchurched may reveal itself in different folks in all kinds of ways.
 - 1. Passion may show itself by a rousing _____.
 - 2. In others, passion may be revealed in a quiet but unswerving _____ to keep moving forward.
- B. But, until we possess a passion, a genuine concern for those who don't yet know Jesus, we won't make the _____ necessary to win them to Christ.
- C. Do you have a passion for those who don't yet know Jesus?

Small Group Activity

What are some ways we can ensure that we keep our Father's mission clear in our day-to-day lives?

In what areas of my life do I have the opportunity to model a superior level of commitment? Am I doing it? How can I improve?

What ministry opportunities am I currently involved in? Where do possibilities exist for me to increase my ministry?

Action Planning

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

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?