

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_.



# 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?