

Cross Cultural Evangelism and Follow Up

Hello, My Name Is

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Get ready to  
move!

Get ready  
to share!

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Swap  
Meet

Share your best  
three ideas.

Things you've  
done that  
have worked  
with others

Things  
someone  
did with you

A good idea  
you've seen  
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The Great Commission

Therefore, go and make disciples of all  
nations...Matthew 28:19,20



Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge:  
"God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go  
out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of  
life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father,  
Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I  
have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after  
day after day, right up to the end of the age."  
Matthew 28:19,20 The Message

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### The Great Commission



The commission has come to be known as "great" because the scope and task mentioned in this verse.

•The "great" scope of the commission is "all nations" (the entire world).

•The "great" task of the commission is making disciples (passing on a culmination of everything Christ taught).

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### "Great" Scope (Entire world)

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8 Principle

- Where you live (home)
- Extended Family
- Place of Work
- Social Events
- City
- Etc.



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### "Great" Task (Making disciples)



Navigator's Motto "Know Christ and Make Him Known"

- Most problems stem from the lack of knowing God
- it is hard to make known something I do not know!

Great Commandment :

Mark 12:30 *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.*

•If I am going to have an impact in the world, it starts with my personal relationship of knowing God

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**"No horse gets anywhere until it is harnessed. No steam or gas ever drives anything until it is confined. No life ever grows until it is focused, dedicated, disciplined."**

H Emerson Fosdick



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**A timely question...**

**Who benefits from you being here?**

The exchange that takes place by "Going" and being "Received" is by God's design an event that takes both the "Go-er" and the "Receiver" out of their comfort zone

- Loneliness
- Failure
- Lack of Appreciation
- Attitude of Nationals as "undeveloped"



Philemon 1:6

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**Philippians 2:6-11**

> "Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."



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### The Facts




Romans 1:21	Spiritual Fall
Romans 1:23	Intellectual Fall
Romans 1:24	Moral Fall
Romans 1:26	Societal Fall

This is the condition of the World we are trying to reach with the Message of the Gospel

Three lessons from Paul in Acts 17

1. Get out of our comfort zone
  - (Synagogue vs. Market Place)
2. We go, not invite (verse 19)
3. Know your listener (verse 28)
  - What are our friends reading, listening to and thinking?



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### Engel's Scale

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### John 4:30, 39-42



> They came out of the town and made their way toward him. Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

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### Another timely question...

"I see you are meeting with lots of men, lots of Bible studies but who are your friends? If you are going to make it in Latin America, you need to be in the relationship for the long haul. People do not like to be projects or ego boosters for your cause."

#### Project vs. Relationship



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### Men's Stuff: Farmers and Builders

"For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 3:9-11 (New International Version)

God's Field



God's Building



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### Spiritual Growth is God's Work

•1 Corinthians 3:5,6

•Philippians 1:6

•1 Thessalonians 5:22,23

•2 Peter 1:3 (New International Version)

"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."

•We are starting from a point of strength!



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**The Physical world often reflects principles of the Spiritual World.**

<p>&gt; <b>Baby</b></p>  <p>protection, love, basic knowledge</p>	<p>&gt; <b>Child</b></p>  <p>strong guidance</p>
<p>&gt; <b>Teenager</b></p>  <p>strength, experience, responsibility</p>	<p>&gt; <b>Adult</b></p>  <p>leadership, self discipline</p>

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**Spiritual Pediatrics**



**"Follow-up is, in effect, spiritual pediatrics"**  
-Dawson Trotman

We have the privilege of providing the environment for this to happen.

- God uses many means to establish a new believer in his/her faith (corporate worship, small groups, Sunday school class, one to one)

- Key is one to one relationship. Life on Life.




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**A Call to be Free**

...Despite God's call to be free and His earnest admonition to resist all efforts to curtail it, there is little emphasis in Christian circles today on the importance of Christian freedom. Just the opposite seems to be true. Instead of promoting freedom, we stress our rules of conformity. Instead of preaching living by grace, we preach living by performance. Instead of encouraging new believers to be conformed to Christ, we subtly insist that they be conformed to our particular style of Christian culture. We do not intend to do this and would earnestly deny we are. Yet that's the "bottom line" effect of most of our emphases in Christian circles today...

From "Transferring Ours: Living Conscientiously to God's Unfolding Love" by Jerry Bridges




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### Follow Up

Some things that I have found that help in following up my friends:



- Seeing the potential of the individual
- Patience: fully aware that the growth process takes time and experience
- Flexibility with my friends circumstances (newborn, work, changing times)
- Allowing my friend to make mistakes

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### My Favorite Scriptures on Follow up

- John 21:15-17
- 1 Peter 2:2
- 2 Timothy 3:16,17



Be a Role Model for the new believer:



- 1 Corinthians 11:1
- Philippians 4:9
- 1 Thessalonians 1:6,7

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### Practical Ideas on Follow Up

- Assurance studies
  - (salvation 1 John 5:11-13)
- The wheel illustration
- Seven minutes with God (Quiet time)
- Buy him a verse pack
- Saturday service day
- Prayer Walk
- 30 Lessons on Discipleship (Billy Graham)
- Sporting event or common interests
- Spend a day together as families



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One final timely question...

"I'm not following up these men! You didn't teach me how to make a plan!"

"Are you praying for them?"  
"Are you loving them?"



Philippians 1:3-7

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart;

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Thank you for coming!  
I pray I was a screwdriver in  
the hands of my Father!



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