

Everyday-Ambassador Practicum

Classroom (1—3PM)

Welcome (*sign-in*); Thank-you; “Today will probably be a unique experience, and perhaps a bit unnatural. However, it will have positive carry-over effects for your interactions with others, including those you know who do not personally know Jesus”; Opening Prayer

God’s Heart

- Genesis 12:1-3
- Psalm 67:1-2
- Isaiah 49:6
- Matthew 9:36-38
- Matthew 28:19-20
- Luke 10:1-4
- Luke 15:1-7
- Galatians 3:7-8
- 2 Peter 3:9

....From what we read, what are the desires of God?

WRITE THE ANSWERS ON THE “BLACKBOARD”

Exercise: Aiming for the Right Goal (10 minutes)

Supplies:

- 3 five gallon buckets or trash cans
- A bag of paper wads made from newspaper
- Masking tape
- Three large point cards for bottom of the trash cans (0, 5, 10)

Trainer’s Preparation (this should be done before the session begins): For the game, you will need about 20 paper balls in a bag as well as three trash cans or buckets with numbers taped to the bottom of each --- 0, 5, and 10. Put the 0

trashcan in the middle of the other two. Make a “line” several feet away from the baskets by using a stick or tape on the floor or use a table.

Game: Tell them the group is going to play a game and you need three volunteers. Announce that “The goal of this game is to score as many points as possible in 15 seconds.” Don’t say anything else.

The trainer demonstrates first, by standing behind the “line” and tossing mostly at the one in the middle with “0” on the bottom.

Have the three volunteers come up. Gather all the balls in the bag. Say “go” and time the first on as he/she throws (15 seconds). After the volunteer finishes, the trainer gathers all the balls from the trash cans. Show the points on the bottom and give the score – this should be exaggerated so that the next two participants and everyone in the audience can see the scores taped in the bottom of the cans and aim more intentionally. -- -- - Then let the next volunteer go. Add up his/her points.

Before the last volunteer goes, remind him/her that the only instructions given were to score as many points as possible. Most will realize they can take the whole bag and dump it in the trash can marked 10. If he/she doesn’t realize it, tell him/her before the time is up.

Thank everyone and have them sit down.

Ask the participants:

- What can we learn from this lesson in regard to how we make disciples and how we do church?
- What can we learn from this game in relation to disciple making?
- In regard to sharing the gospel? And, in regard to reaching the nations around the world and right here among us?
- What we model creates habits in the people following us. We are all modeling something. Is it worth copying?
- The tried and trusted way of doing things isn’t necessarily the best way.
- Busy-ness ≠ fruitfulness

A few minutes of theology class to help us (***write on blackboard***):

- Every person is made in God's image (Genesis 1:26-27)
 - But, some will be people-of-peace, and others will not be (Luke 10:5-8)
- 2 Corinthians 12:9---theologically; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10---biblically
- Holy Spirit leads the way. (Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 3:6)

Reflection time ---<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQl4izxPeNU> ("King of Kings" by Hillsong) (*Play up to 4 minutes*)

- What about your relationship with God brings you most fulfillment?
- What is God stirring in your heart right now? (***write this and next few points on blackboard***):
- Are the answers to those questions what motivate you to be at Everyday-Ambassadors Practicum, or is it something different?
 - Sense of duty
 - God fills you; you want others to be filled by God
 - Sense of Purpose—a combination of the above 2
 - being part of something bigger than yourself—ambassador (2 Corinthians 5:16-21) of something that is too good for me to keep to myself.

-----(***BE AT THIS POINT BY 2PM***)-----

We have something that can change a life, all for good.

We are going to use the story of the woman at the well in John 4 to help us know how to have more gospel conversations with people who are far from God.

Jesus was walking with his disciples when he got tired and stopped at a well to rest. The disciples were hungry so they went into town. While Jesus was sitting there alone, a Samaritan woman came to get water from the well. As Jesus asked her for a drink, they had a conversation. During this interaction, the woman came to discover that Jesus might be the Messiah. She left her jars, went back into her village and said to the people there,

*“Come see a man who knew everything about me. Could he be the Christ?”
They went out of town to Jesus and many from that town believed in Jesus
because of the woman’s testimony. After hearing his words, even many
more became believers.*

The woman had a Gospel conversation...

- Who: Her relational network
- What: Her story
- What: God’s story
- When: Immediately

Your relational network: write down up to 3 names

Your story—15-second testimony

- <https://youtu.be/hkprflNySS8>
- Write your 15-second testimony on the back of this paper.
 - Think about wording it to be relatable for others.
- Practice it at least 3 times with the others.

God’s story—3 circles

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nSOKry3F3bc>
 - Practice it 3 times on the back of these papers.
 - After that, we will play the following video which shows 3 circles being done in a community---
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcj5G_4dwrI

Practice praying for those you have never met, *after a life’s scenario is described.*

When—make goals regarding sharing with the people whose names you wrote down

Let's practice out there. (30—60 minutes)

- Why?
- Possible openers:
 - “Hi. We are out here this afternoon just caring about people. How are you doing?”
“May I ask you a question?.....If God would do a miracle in your life today, what would you want him to do for you?”
 - “Wow, that’s very interesting....
 - *If they answered the above question and seem to be giving some time, maybe ask, “Has anyone ever shared with you the 3 circles Gospel before?....It only takes a few minutes. May I show you?”*
 - *If they don’t offer much time, ask: “May I have just 20 seconds of your time to share with you my story?”*
 - “Do you have anything that you would like us to pray for?”
- Instructions as we go out to meet people
 - Items in the drawstring bags

Come back together to debrief and celebrate. (done by 5:00PM or earlier)

You will be receiving Follow-up communication for the next couple of months.