

SHARE YOUR FAITH

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INVITING OTHERS INTO GOD'S STORY

How amazing is it that God invites us into the greatest rescue mission of all time and calls us to invite others?

LOVE FOR THE LOST

"Get love for the souls of men - then you will not be whining about a dead dog, or a sick cat, or about the crotchets of a family, and the little disturbances that John and Mary may make by their idle talk. You will be delivered from petty worries (I need not further describe them) if you are concerned about the souls of men...Get your soul full of a great grief, and your little griefs will be driven out."

- Charles Spurgeon

BE INTENTIONAL

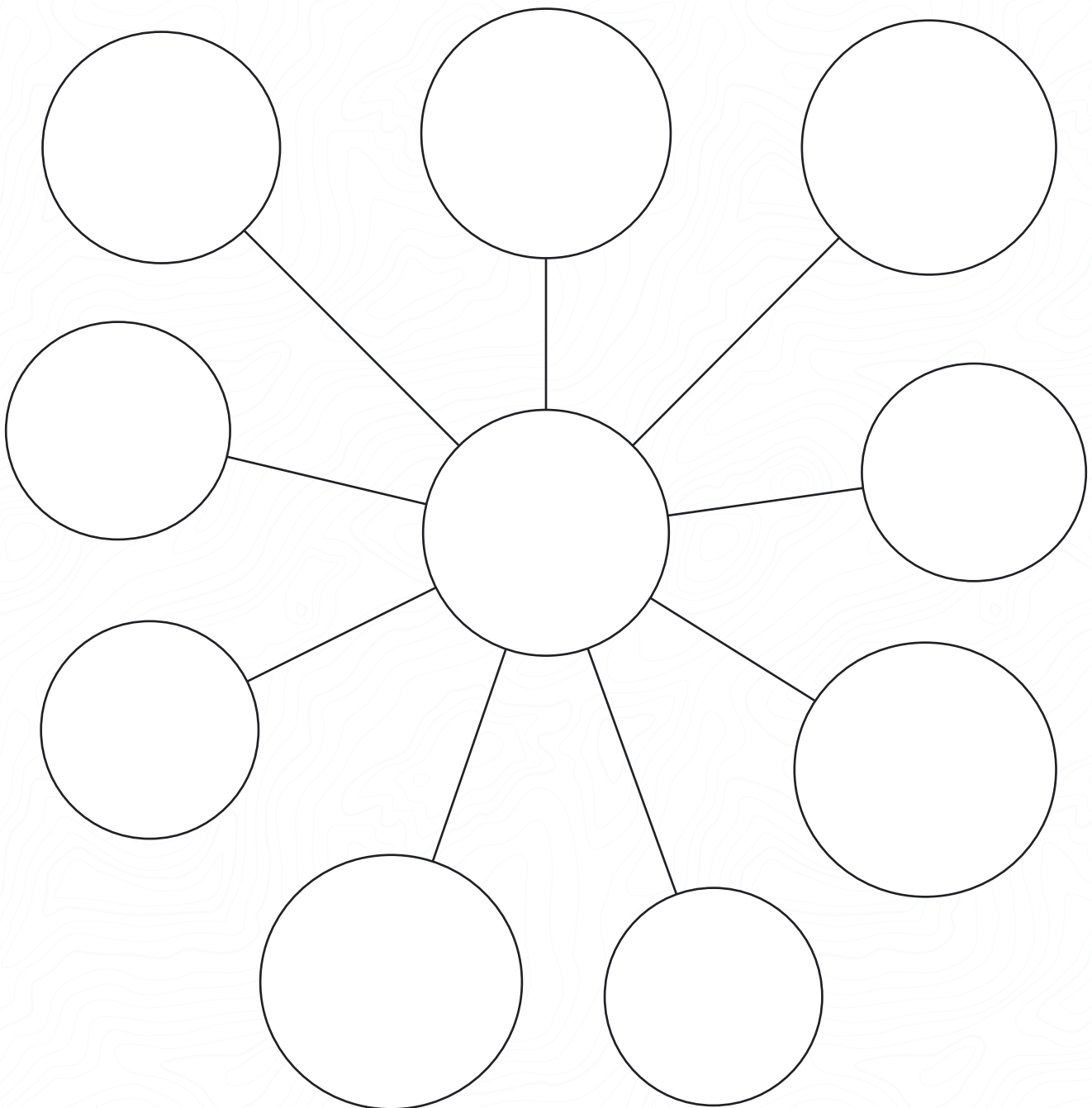
"An unintentional life accepts everything and does nothing. An intentional life embraces only the things that will add to the mission of significance." - John C. Maxwell, *Intentional Living: Choosing a Life That Matters*

Remember, it is the gospel itself that is "the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16). It is not our story, our answers or our power of persuasion that change a person's heart. We are to be intentional and faithful with sharing the gospel with others, eagerly expecting God to call people to surrender to Him. **Our job is to share, God's job is to save.**

God is an intentional God and He calls us to be intentional as well. As He brings people into our lives, we are called to love them.

FINDING PEOPLE

God has intentionally placed you in your family, community and workplace for a reason and for a season. Who is He calling you to share an invite with? Think about your family, work, school, kids' activities, social clubs, errands, medical appointments, self-care, etc. Who do you regularly encounter that God may be calling you to build intentional relationship with?



SHARE AN INVITE

Sharing an invitation can mean many different things in regard to sharing your faith.

- Someone may not be ready and receptive to the idea of going to a church service, but they may accept the invitation to sit down with you and have a conversation.
- When inviting someone to church or to sit down and talk, always be SPECIFIC in your invite. Set a time and a place to meet. Do not use the phrases “we should get together sometime” or “you should come to church with me sometime.”

SHARE A MEAL

- Jesus’s primary teaching method was to ask questions. He asked 307 questions during his time on earth and the goal was transformation. And, many of these questions happened when Jesus was sharing a meal!
- When we ask the right questions, we learn more about the person and where they are in life. We create springboards for us to present the gospel.

Some examples of intentional questions are:

LIFE TALK

1. What season of life are you in?
2. How is your family?
3. How are you being drained and filled?

HEART TALK

1. How would you describe the state of your heart in three adjectives?
2. What burden are you carrying right now?
3. What are you hoping for?
4. What is worrying you right now?
5. What is causing you fear?

FAITH TALK

1. What is your background regarding faith or religion?
2. Did you grow up going to church? Tell me about that.
3. What are some things that either attract you to or repel you from learning about Christianity?

SHARE THE GOSPEL

- Identify people who are open to hearing the gospel.

To know if someone is open to hearing the gospel, we can ask them. Sharing something God has done in your own life can set the stage for asking about someone else's eternity.

Consider some things that you have seen God do in your own life that you could share with someone else to start a gospel conversation (an answered prayer, healing, freedom from addiction, etc.):

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After you share something God has done in your life you can ask, "Do you have a story like that?"