

# 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?