

Introduction

THE “ENDVISION”

Let’s begin with an exciting question: “**What would our nation be like if everyone loved and obeyed God?**”

Unfortunately this is far from reality. In most nations, just a small percentage of people love and obey God. The world’s population is over *seven billion people*. To reach them all for Jesus is humanly impossible! But with the power of the Holy Spirit, God can use you to reach vast numbers of spiritually lost people. The purpose of *Reboot* is to equip you for this task.

THE REBOOT TRAINING CONCEPT

Most of us have used computers. Sometimes a computer gets bogged down, slows to a crawl, or freezes up completely. It stops doing what it was designed to do! When that happens, we need to reboot it so it can start fresh. This usually solves the problem and allows us to be productive once again. In a similar way, believers may get busy doing “good” things, yet we fail to produce anything of eternal value. We must *reboot* and start fresh—then we can be useful to God and bear fruit for Him.

Reboot is a method for making disciples, designed for believers from traditional church backgrounds. This method takes us back to the basics of Scripture so we can declutter our lives and focus on what matters most to God. We use the book of Acts to reveal the true identity, nature, and priorities of disciples—much of which has been lost over time. This is not merely a program or a course. It is *lifestyle training* to help you become the fruit-bearing disciple Jesus expects you to be!

THE NEW TESTAMENT AIM OF THE CHURCH

Jesus gave many commands, but three are very significant. We commonly call them the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

Jesus Commands Us to Love God

God created us for a relationship of love, and He commands us to love Him with all our heart, soul, and mind (Matt. 22.37). We show our love through heartfelt obedience: “*If you keep my commandments, you will remain in My love*” (John 15.10). To grow in *intimacy* with God, we must obey Him.

Jesus Commands Us to Love People

God also desires for us to live in harmony as His people, so He commands us to love one another (Matt. 22.39). Love is not words or feelings, but actions. We can express love in many ways, but the greatest eternal value is found in being mutually *accountable* to one another to love and obey God.

Jesus Commands Us to Make Disciples

God wants all people to be reconciled to Him. He sends His disciples out to proclaim the message, lead people to faith in Jesus, and teach them to obey what Jesus teaches—including this command! When disciples go make disciples who make disciples...the Kingdom grows by *multiplication*.

These “Three Great Commands” are foundational—every instruction in Scripture traces back to them! Jesus gave these commands so we know how to please God, so we should obey them *every time* we meet together. A simple way to remember these commands is to use the words *Accountability*, *Intimacy*, and *Multiplication* (AIM). Here is the task of every believer:

*Develop **Accountability** to one another...
to grow in **Intimacy** with God...
and to bring about the **Multiplication** of the Kingdom.*

Reboot follows this pattern by giving attention to each of these commands in 3 equal segments. Study *The AIM Pattern* (handout) to visualise and understand the pattern that we will follow in every Reboot session.

THE FATHER’S HEART

The heart of our Heavenly Father is to reach *every person* with the good news. Jesus invested most of His time training twelve disciples, and at the end of His ministry He sent them out to do the same. He expected every one of them to be a witness and a disciple maker. In His high-priestly prayer, Jesus said “*I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do*” (John 17.4, ESV).

❓ **Why did Jesus say He completed God’s work, as He had not yet gone to the cross?** (Clue: In this prayer, Jesus mentions His disciples over 40 times.)

Jesus was referring to the fact that He had equipped the twelve disciples to continue His work. He knew they would pass it on to the next spiritual generation, who would then pass it on to others. This was His plan from the beginning! Paul understood this plan, for we see in 2 Timothy 2.2 his desire to pass on the message by multiplying disciples. The Father’s heart is to reach all people by multiplying disciples, and Reboot will help you make this a reality.

FAITHFUL WITNESSES

For two thousand years this message has been passed down to you and me. Each of us must ask ourselves, “*Will I let the unbroken chain end with me?*” Jesus expects *every* disciple to be a witness and a disciple maker. Making disciples begins with sharing the good news and bringing people to a point of decision.

The Holy Spirit is preparing many people to receive the gospel, but they cannot come to Jesus until they hear the good news. Paul reminds us, “*And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?*” (Rom. 10.14b, NLT). We must all be faithful witnesses, for this is the essential starting point.

REBOOT COVENANT AGREEMENTS

- ☐ **I will be present each time we meet.** The training process will not work if you are not here consistently.
- ☐ **I will be honest with God, with others in this group, and with myself.** If you are struggling or in need of help, you must not pretend everything is alright!
- ☐ **I will complete the Bible assignments.** Each week you will read and study 4 chapters of Acts, so you must have a good grasp of the Bible. Bring your Bible and your notes to every session.
- ☐ **I will share the gospel with at least one unsaved person per week.** If you are not confident to witness, ask your lead trainer or someone from the group to go with you.
- ☐ **I will begin training other believers, just as I am being trained.** This is especially important when you lead someone to Jesus (use TFT to train new believers). You can partner with another *Reboot* trainer to do the training.



Let each participant commit to these agreements before continuing on the *Reboot* journey.

At this point hand out two copies of this lesson sheet to each participant. Let them practise teaching one another what you just taught them.

YOUR PEOPLE LIST

Our first task is to reach out to those closest to us. Make a list of all the people you know starting with your family, friends, and acquaintances. This list will grow, so keep it handy. Be sure to pray for everyone on this list!

- On your list, mark those you know are followers of Jesus. These are ones you can begin training as disciple makers.
- The remainder are people who need to hear your witness of the good news.

SHARING THE GOSPEL MESSAGE: THREE STORIES

Their Story

When you approach someone, whether friend or stranger, you must *listen*. Ask questions about their family, interests, joys, struggles, and spiritual background. Look for common ground first, then you can gently share your story.

Your Story

In your everyday conversations with people, be prepared to tell a story about how God has changed your life or how He has worked powerfully in you. Your story will help you find spiritually receptive people so you can share God's story.

- It must be true and believable.
- Use everyday language and don't use big religious terms.
- Include one Scripture verse (don't state the reference).
- Keep it short—no more than 2 minutes.
- When you train others, be sure to share your own story first as an example.

God's Story—"Left Hand Witness" (*The Four Spiritual Laws* + One)

- 1 THUMB** God loves you and has wonderful plans for your life (Jer. 29:11)
- 2 INDEX** We have all sinned and are separated from God (Rom. 3:23; Isa. 59:2)
- 3 TALL** Jesus died to pay the price for your sin (2 Cor. 5:21)
- 4 RING** God invites you into a relationship with Him, but you must accept His invitation (Rev. 3:20)
- 5 PINKY** New disciples need a disciple trainer to help them learn to obey Jesus (Matt. 28:19-20; Php. 3:17)

Some people respond better to stories with much more detail. An alternative is *The Creation to Christ Story* (handout). It should take you less than 10 minutes to share it. Use the dot points to prompt your memory.

ASSIGNMENTS

WRITE your people list starting with those closest to you and listing everyone you know.

PRACTICE telling your story and God's story by rehearsing them several times.

SHARE the gospel message with at least one person over the next week.

STUDY *Acts 1-4*

WRITE what God is teaching you, using the *Acts Worksheet* (handout).

TRAIN at least one other believer outside this group, just as you were trained.