

# Training Faithful Trainers

## INTRODUCTION

### THE END VISION

Let's begin with an exciting question:

***What would our nation be like if everyone loved and obeyed God?***

Unfortunately, this is not reality. In most countries less than 5 percent of all people have a real and meaningful relationship with Jesus.

The world's population is over seven billion people—most of whom do not love and obey God. 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.

### THREE GREAT COMMANDS

**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 (Matthew 22.37). We show our love through our obedience to Him: *"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in My love"* (John 15.10). Therefore if we want 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 (Matthew 22.39). Love is not words or feelings, but actions. We can express love in many ways, but the greatest eternal value is found by 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, but each person must hear the message, repent, and follow Him in obedience. Jesus commands His disciples to go and make disciples. Faithful witnesses passed the gospel on to us today, and we must pass it to others to multiply His Kingdom. Let's examine Matthew 28.18–20:

***All authority has been given to Me...*** Jesus is the highest authority in the universe. He has complete sovereignty as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, therefore we must obey Him!

***Go...*** We can't depend on people to come to us—we must go to them.

***Make disciples...*** A disciple is an apprentice learner who follows the Master. Disciples follow Jesus in their lifestyle and go fishing for Jesus by catching people for the Kingdom (Mark 1.16–17). We make disciples, not just converts!

***baptising them...*** In order to baptise someone, he or she must decide to follow Jesus. This means we must first share the gospel message and bring that person to a point of decision.

***teaching them to obey...*** We must teach believers to obey Jesus – including this command. Therefore, a disciple is a disciple-maker! We train them to be trainers who train others, passing it on through many spiritual generations.

***I am with you always.*** Jesus goes before us with the power of the Holy Spirit. Once we start moving in His power, we will begin to see God at work to create movements that reach many people and multiply His Kingdom.

### THE NEW TESTAMENT AIM OF THE CHURCH

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).*

KEY IMAGE: BATON

### MEMORY VERSE

*The things which you  
have heard from me...  
entrust these to faithful  
men who will be able to  
teach others also.*

**2 Timothy 2.2 (NASB)**

## REACHING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

It is God's will that every person have the opportunity to know Him and His great love for them. God wants to use you as an "ambassador" to reach your family and those closest to you! Throughout the Bible, we see many examples of people who reached their family first:

<b>Who?</b>	<b>The story</b>	<b>What lesson do we learn?</b>
<b>Noah</b> Genesis 6–8	God commanded Noah to build the ark. He preached good news that others could be saved from the flood. No one saw any danger, and no one was saved.	Only Noah's family was saved.
<b>Rahab</b> Joshua 2.17–20	A woman of Jericho who provided protection for the spies sent by Joshua.	God spared her whole family.
<b>Gerasene Man</b> Mark 5.1–20	A demon-possessed man who was healed by Jesus. He was sent to share the good news with his own people.	Everyone was amazed at the change in his life.
<b>Conelius</b> Acts 10.1–33	A man of great reputation who sought after God. Peter came to his house and shared the gospel with him.	His whole household was influenced by the message.
<b>Lydia</b> Acts 16.10–15	A business person who was a dealer in purple cloth. Paul came and shared the Good News with her.	She and her household believed and were baptised.
<b>Jailer at Philippi</b> Acts 16.25–34	Guarded the prison where Paul and Silas were held. After an earthquake shook the door open, Paul shared the gospel and the man was saved.	He and his household believed and were baptised.
<b>You</b>	God wants to use you to reach your entire family.	At the very least, witness to your own family.

❗ **At this point, hand out this lesson sheet and let the participants practise teaching one another what you taught them.**

## THE TFT TRAINING PROCESS

Give each participant a copy of *The TFT Training Process* (handout). Help each trainer to understand how the *Training Faithful Trainers* method works and what you will expect from each other in the coming weeks.

## DEVELOPING YOUR PEOPLE LIST

Jesus said, "*the fields are ripe for harvest*" (John 4.35). This means there are many people out there who are ready to hear the Good News. Our task is to find them and tell them the news. When the Holy Spirit prepares people to believe, they will come to faith fairly quickly. But they must hear the message first.

- Make a list of all the people you know, starting with your family, friends, and acquaintances.
- On your list, mark off those who know Jesus. Remember to thank God for saving these people!
- The remainder are those who need to hear the Good News. These are the people with whom you will share the Good News over the next several weeks.

## SHARING YOUR PERSONAL STORY

It is a great joy to lead others to Jesus! The most effective way to share about Jesus is to tell your personal story.

- Write your story in three parts: your life *before* Jesus, how you *met* Jesus, and how He has *changed* your life.
- Keep it short. You should be able to tell your story in less than 2 minutes!
- Rehearse it several times, then practise it aloud with someone else.
- When you train others, be sure to share your story first as an example.

## ASSIGNMENTS

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

**SHARE** your personal story or the Gospel story with at least one person this week.

**MEMORIZE** the memory verse:  
*2 Timothy 2.2*

**READ** from the Bible:  
*John 10.24–29      Romans 6.3–11*  
*2 Corinthians 5.17–21      1 John 5.11–13*

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