



The **ROOFTOP**
Joining Jesus in *His* Mission

Joining JESUS Disciples' Journal



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WHAT IS 'THE ROOFTOP'?

Welcome to the Joining Jesus Disciples' Journal.

This Journal has been produced to help you, as a follower of Jesus, to connect with God's heart, receive a fresh vision of God's passion for the lost, and be equipped to **Join Jesus in His Mission** by becoming a disciples who makes disciples outside of the walls of the church.

Joining Jesus has been produced by The Rooftop Ministries International.

THE ROOFTOP VISION

The Vision of The Rooftop

Since becoming a Christian from a 'never-churched' background, Rev Dennis Pethers, the Founder of The Rooftop has longed to see a global awakening that will result in the church becoming what Jesus always intended. The church that Jesus is building is not a place or an institution, but a movement of disciples, all over the world. It is a global community of followers who are united behind Jesus and His Mission 'to seek and to save what was lost' (Luke 19:10) by making disciples who make disciples among all the people of the world.

Tragically, so many churches seem to have forgotten the urgency of the mission of Jesus, and the passion of God for those who are beyond the walls. They have become focused primarily on what happens inside the walls!

The Rooftop is a ministry that is preparing for, and longing to see the church experience a global awakening that will result in a movement of disciples making disciples among those that are beyond the walls of the church as Christians across the world Join Jesus in His Mission.

Why 'The Rooftop?'

The Rooftop ministry takes its name from the account of Peter on the rooftop in Acts chapter 10.

In the first nine chapters of Acts, the gospel had been shared almost exclusively with people from a 'Jewish faith background'. These people were familiar with Jewish traditions, believed in the scriptures and had been brought up with an understanding of God.

God's passion is for the whole world and all people. He wanted Peter to take the gospel outside the walls, to the Gentiles, those who were not familiar with the traditions and who did not have a clear understanding of God.

FOR PETER TO BE WILLING TO DO THIS HE NEEDED TO CHANGE!

When Peter had an encounter with God on the rooftop, he began, for the first time, to see things from God's perspective and be willing to do what was in line with God's will rather than what he had been familiar with for all of his life.

He had to understand that God's passion is for those who were 'outside' of the walls, this was a totally new perspective.

A NEW PERSPECTIVE

The biblical account of Peter on The Rooftop has contains three very important aspects:

1. Peter's rooftop '**Encounter**'. As Peter was praying on the rooftop he had an encounter with God that revolutionized his understanding of evangelism and disciple-making.
2. Peter went to the house of Cornelius to '**Engage**' with people beyond the walls. Having encountered God and realized that he '*should not call unclean anything that God has called clean*', Peter went to the house of a Gentile and preached the gospel. He broke out of the constraints of what he had inherited and preached the gospel 'outside' of the walls of Judaism—he 'engaged' with the lost.
3. As a result, the Kingdom could '**Expand**'. The gospel was set free from the constraints of Judaism and was now able to spread across the whole world—the good news of Jesus is for those BEYOND THE WALLS.

Peter's experience on the rooftop was a pivotal moment for the church. Had he not been on the rooftop (praying) where he received a fresh vision from God, he may never have evangelized and made disciples among the Gentiles.

He needed a fresh vision of God's passion for the lost to take him beyond what he had always known and to face the new reality. Here was his new reality: ***He saw that God loves people who do not conform to all of the customs that he had always been familiar with!***

For Peter, the rooftop experience was a pivotal crossroads. The church today is at a similar crossroads. Previous generations have been raised within church contexts and have understood and were familiar with our customs. Now, across generations there are increasing numbers of people who never attend church and know little or nothing about Jesus.

To reach these people that Jesus came to seek and to save, it is vital that we each Join Jesus in His Mission.

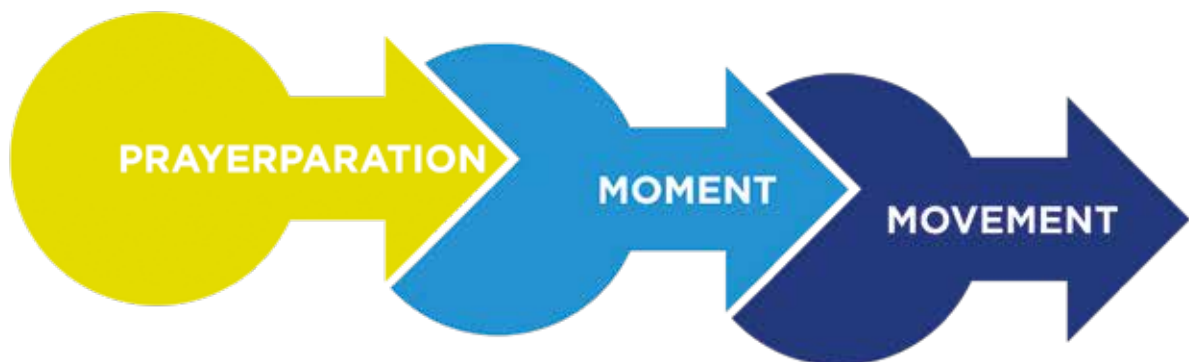
This Joining Jesus Disciples' Journal has been produced to inspire, encourage, and equip you as a Christian, to seek God's heart, encounter him in a new way and then -

Join Jesus in His Mission.

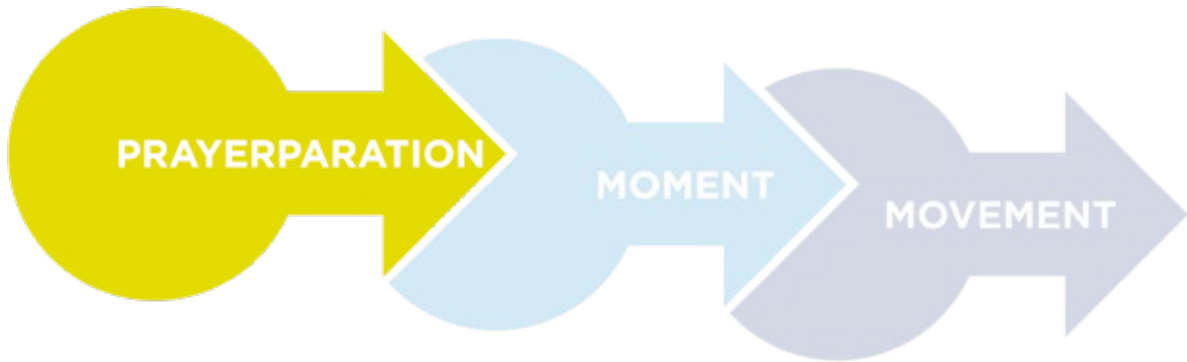
THE ROOFTOP THREE-STEP PROCESS

Based on the experience of Peter in Acts 10 and 11, 'The Rooftop' is a three-step process that will enable you to join Jesus in His mission; share the gospel with, and make disciples among, people who are beyond the walls of the church. This process forms the basis for the content of this Joining Jesus Disciples' Journal.

The three-step process is:



PRAYERPARATION



CONNECTING WITH GOD'S PASSION

If you are going to be a disciple who joins Jesus in His mission, it is imperative that you connect with God's passion for lost people.

God is passionate about reaching the lost and if we are to join Jesus in His mission which is summarised in Luke 19:10 as follows, *'the son of man came to seek and to save the lost'*, we need to connect with God's heart and feel His passion for the lost people that we are among. Many lost people are close to us but far from God.

To help you to (re)discover and connect with God's heart for lost people we have produced 'Pursuing God's Heart' as a critical step in The Rooftop Process.

PURSUING GOD'S HEART

'Pursuing God's Heart' has been created to encourage and equip you, as a follower of Jesus, to discover how you can connect with the heart of God and then, see what He is doing in the community that He is inviting you to join Him in.

Pursuing The Heart of God

WORKSHEETS

INTRODUCTION

Imagine gathering on a rooftop, looking across your local community and asking God to help you see it as He sees it.

Imagine receiving a fresh vision of God's heart for the lost and then, with this new vision burning in your heart, engaging with lost people who know little or nothing of Jesus - then imagine seeing them transformed.

You have imagined it ... now you can do it!

This is The Rooftop Invitation; inviting churches and Christ followers around the world ... to gather on rooftops to hear the voice of God.

- * To listen to His still small voice as He reveals His heart for their city; His heart for those who have yet to believe.*
- * To listen to His still small voice as He reveals our hearts - hearts that have wandered from Him ... hearts that are pursuing missions other than His ... hearts that are in the way of His using us to "turn the world upside down" for His glory (Acts 17:6).*
- * To listen to the voice of God ...*

And therein lies the dilemma for many of us. When was the last time you heard the voice of God? How often do you take time to be still and listen to Him speak to you? If He spoke to you today, would you recognize His voice - not audibly but with that voice in your inner man that you know beyond a doubt is God's?

We are facing a major challenge in the church today in regard to prayer. Too many of us approach prayer as a one-sided conversation with God where we do all the talking (primarily asking) and He does all the listening. But is that the biblical perspective on prayer?

I am convinced that this amazing gift of prayer that God has given us is the most misunderstood and underutilized resource in our lives today! Our desire is that when God's people gather on a rooftop to pray over their city and listen to the voice of God, they hear Him with great clarity. Our desire is when they leave that rooftop, they leave transformed for they know that they have had a fresh encounter with the living God.

The purpose behind "Pursuing the Heart of God" is simple: to give you a greater understanding of prayer, inspire you to pursue God's heart daily through prayer and prepare you for a lifetime of Rooftop Encounters with God as you Join Jesus in His Mission!

SESSION ONE: THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER



Use this space to write down the things that impacted you most from the video clip



DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following questions:

- » How do you feel about 'starting from scratch' regarding prayer? In what ways might this (re)energize your relationship with God?
- » To what extent are you familiar with/unaware of prayer as conversational intimacy with God? How could this change?



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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following questions:

- » *(Read Luke 15:1-10)* In what ways are the things that you are passionate about in line/out of line with God's passion for the lost. Think about people in your neighborhood, at work, or at the store. Do you see them as God sees them? Why or why not?
- » How do you respond to the phrase:
'Real prayer, prayer that is central to the heart of God, always drives us to mission'?



Write down one thing you are going to do this week to more intentionally pursue the heart of God



DOWNLOAD

Share with each other what you wrote down in the **Do** section. Pray for each other. Pray for the changes each person believes God is calling them to make in their prayer lives. Ask God to give each person a desire this week to pursue a deeper relationship with Him

SESSION TWO: LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY



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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following questions:

- » A disciple said to Jesus '*Lord teach us to pray*'. What help do you need to make your prayer life more dynamic and effective?
- » John Whaley concludes his teaching with the phrase: '*Surrender our lives daily to Join Jesus in His Mission*'. How is this truth reflected in your life as a follower of Jesus?



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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following questions:

- » Jesus told His disciples that He only did what He sees the Father doing. In what ways do you anticipate seeing God at work and joining in with Him?
- » Developing an effective prayer life requires some discipline. What things help you to/prevent you from following helpful disciplines?



DO

Write down at least one step that you are going to take to ensure that prayer becomes a priority for you as a follower of Jesus..



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Share with each other what you wrote down in the **Do** section. Pray specifically for each other about those things that might prevent you from acting upon what has been written.

SESSION THREE: PRAYING WITH EARS AND EYES OPEN



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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following questions:

- » How does the prospect of *'praying with your ears and eyes open'* challenge/confirm your experience/understanding of prayer?
- » Reflecting upon the story of the young man that John Whaley shared. Have you experienced/do you expect God to speak to you about specific ways that He would like you to join Him in His mission?



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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following questions:

- » How *'primed is your pump'* in relation to devoting time to prayer and hearing God's voice?
- » What help do you need/can you offer that will result in a life of prayer that results in joining Jesus in His mission?



Write down some steps that you plan to take that will result in you looking at your daily world as God sees it and being ready/willing to act upon His prompting.



DOWNLOAD

Share with each other what you wrote down in the **Do** section. Pray for each other, asking God to 'prime your heart' to see and hear Him more clearly so that you can more effectively join Jesus in His mission.

SESSION FOUR: PREPARING FOR THE ROOFTOP ENCOUNTER

BEFORE WATCHING THE VIDEO, read Acts 10:1–11:18 aloud



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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following questions:

- » Peter's attitude toward those 'outside' was clearly in need of being changed. In what ways do you feel your attitude is closer to Peter's or God's?
- » Peter 'stepped outside of his comfort zone' when he went to the house of Cornelius. What is your 'comfort zone' and what would God need to do in your heart for you to step outside?



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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following questions:

- » God is 'able and willing' what help and support do you need to enable you to trust in what God will do in and through you?
- » Talk together about what you will do to encourage and support one another as you prepare for The Rooftop Encounter.

*Now, review the recommendations in the **DO** section and proceed to the **DOWNLOAD** section as you close out your time today praying together for the upcoming Encounter.*



SESSION FOUR: PREPARING FOR THE ROOFTOP ENCOUNTER



1. *Pray into what God impressed on you as you imagined what would happen if you and your church had an encounter with God on the rooftop as Peter did. Ask God to begin revealing to all of you what attitudes of the heart are keeping you from fully joining Jesus in His mission in your city. Ask Him to meet with you as He did Peter.*
2. *Each of you read Acts 10:1–11:18 through several times prior to The Rooftop Encounter. As you read it, put yourself in the story. Imagine yourself as Cornelius, as Peter, as the Jewish believers who accompanied Peter, as those in Cornelius' home hearing the Gospel for the first time. Read it from different translations to enrich your understanding of this powerful story.*
3. *Read the following Scriptures that describe God's heart for those who are spiritually lost and far from Him. As you read the verses, ask God to transform your heart through His Word, cultivating in you His passion for people.*
Matthew 9:35-38 John 3:16-17 1 Timothy 2:1-4 2 Peter 3:9
4. *Spend time each day in your daily time alone with the Lord to pray for the upcoming Encounter. Ask God to prepare each of your hearts to see and hear clearly what He wants to reveal to you during the Encounter. Praise Him in advance for all that He will do as you seek His heart for your city.*
5. *Anticipate God. Expect God to speak. Expect God to meet with you. Expect God to do a fresh work in your life and the life of your church.*



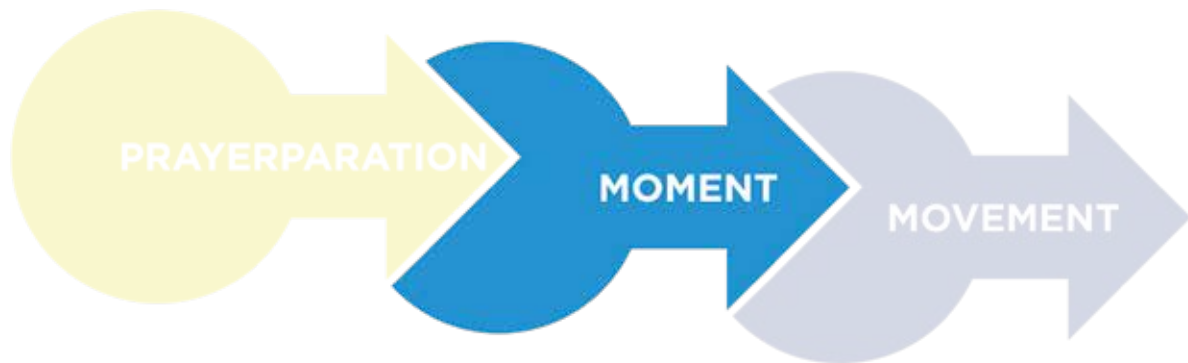
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Pray for the upcoming Rooftop Encounter. Pray for God to begin preparing your hearts to hear His voice clearly and see what He sees during the Encounter. Pray that this Encounter would be the catalyst God would use to move your church beyond the walls of your buildings and lives to engage others and make disciples.

*Now that you have spent time in (re)connecting with God's heart for the lost, it is time for you to participate in a unique **'Moment'** where you will have an encounter with God and earnestly seek a fresh vision of His heart for the lost.*

We call this 'Moment' a Rooftop Encounter.

MOMENT



Seeking A Fresh Vision of God's Heart for the Lost

The purpose of this time together is to seek a fresh vision of God's heart for the lost.

Allow time and space for listening both to God and to one another. Periods of silence may be a very good thing as you open your heart and mind to God's presence among you and seek His heart.

THE ENCOUNTER

This Encounter with God may take place in a variety of different ways. You may be part of an online video conference, on a rooftop or hilltop, or on a building with others from the local church that you belong to. Alternatively, you may be gathered together, online or in-person, with Christians from many other local expressions of the church across your village, town or city.

Below is a suggested outline for your Encounter:

- 1. Begin your time together on the rooftop by asking God to meet with and guide you as you gather (10 minutes)**
- 2. As a group, read aloud the story of Peter and Cornelius that is included on the next pages (10 minutes)**

Acts 10:1–11:18 (NIV)

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!"

Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked.

The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea."

When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a devout soldier who was one of his attendants. He told them everything that had happened and sent them to Joppa.

Peter's Vision

About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles of the earth and birds of the air. Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat."

"Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean."

The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon's house

was and stopped at the gate. They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.

While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three men are looking for you. So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them."

Peter went down and said to the men, "I'm the one you're looking for. Why have you come?"

The men replied, "We have come from Cornelius the centurion. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, who is respected by all the Jewish people. A holy angel told him to ask you to come to his house so that he could hear what you have to say." Then Peter invited the men into the house to be his guests.

Peter at Cornelius's House

The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the believers from Joppa went along. The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. But Peter made him get up. "Stand up," he said, "I am only a man myself."

While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean. So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?"

Cornelius answered: "Three days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me and said, 'Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor. Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea.' So I sent for you immediately, and it was good

of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us.”

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

“We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us

to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues^[b] and praising God.

Then Peter said, “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

Peter Explains His Actions

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’” I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

“The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

“Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’

“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with^[c] water, but you will be baptized with^[d] the Holy Spirit.’ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”

When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

3. **Having read the scripture take some time to quietly look across the city/ community** *(5 minutes)*

4. **Now, as a group, engage in the following questions/discussion:** *(30 minutes)*
 - What do you see as you look across the city, what kinds of people are there?
 - What do you think God sees as He looks at the city?
 - What do you see Jesus doing in the city?
 - What are some of our attitudes and customs that may prevent us from joining Jesus in His Mission?
 - What do we need to do to join Jesus in His mission to 'seek and to save what was lost'?

5. **Following the discussion, take time to pray together as you keep your eyes open and look across the city** *(10 minutes)*

WHILE YOU ARE ON THE ROOFTOP

Use the space below to write down some things that you feel God has impressed upon you as you have been on the rooftop.

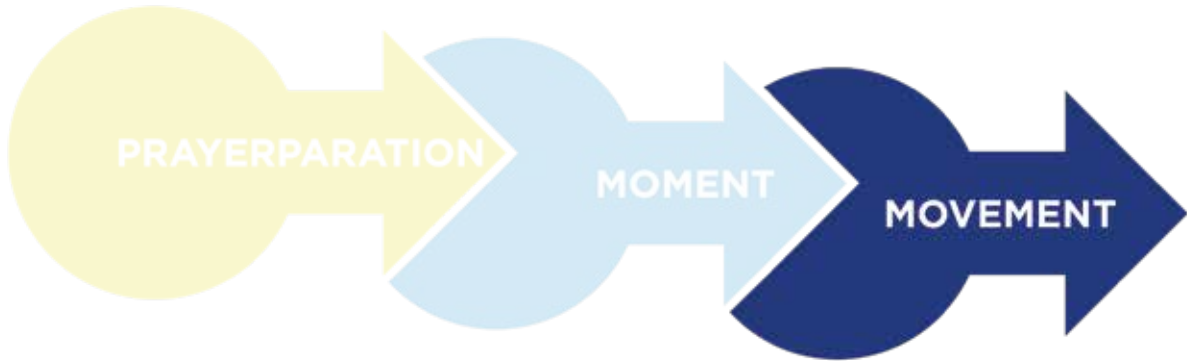
AFTER YOU HAVE LEFT THE ROOFTOP

As you have spent time seeking a fresh vision of God’s heart for the lost He may have spoken to you in a very personal and specific way or He may have deepened your passion for lost people. It often takes a little time for us to ‘hear’ what God has been saying to us.

Use the space below to write down anything that you feel that God has impressed upon you as a result of having been to the rooftop.

**It is now time to take the next step:
To join Jesus in His mission as you become a *disciple who makes disciples*
beyond the walls of the church.**

MOVEMENT



Making disciples who make disciples beyond the walls of the church

1. ENGAGE 'GOING BEYOND THE WALLS'

You have been to the rooftop and asked God to give you a fresh vision of His heart for the lost people in your community.

For this vision to become a reality in your life, you, like Peter following his Rooftop Encounter, will need to engage with lost people beyond the walls of the church. For Peter, this meant stepping outside of all that he had ever done before and stepping into a situation where he had to trust God in a whole new way. He went to the house of a gentile! This was the beginning of a global disciple-making movement.

It is the same for us today. It is as we engage with people who are beyond the walls of the church that we will see the growth of a disciple-making movement in the 21st century.

These next four sessions have been created to help you explore and discover ways that you will engage with lost people.

As you gather in a group and consider how you will engage with lost people please:

- * Fully participate—your views and experiences are enormously important—be sure to share them
- * Be open and honest
- * Be supportive and encouraging
- * Be accountable
- * Regularly consider ways that you may join together 'as a group' to engage in local community activities that will provide you with opportunities to connect with those who are outside of the walls.

SESSION FIVE: ATTITUDE



Use this space to write down the things that impacted you most from the video clip



DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following questions:

- » As you asked God to give you a fresh vision of His heart for the lost on the rooftop, what happened?
- » How do you feel about engaging with people who have different views and pursue a different lifestyle to you? Which words best explain how you feel?



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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following questions:

- » Imagine you worked for a company that followed the employment policy of the vineyard owner, HONESTLY share how you would feel if this happened to you. How would you feel about the people that did less but got the same reward? How would you feel about the owner of the company who acted in this way?
- » In what ways can these same feelings affect the ways that we, as Christians, may view lost people?



Write down what you are going to do help you to begin to see lost people as Jesus sees them. Be specific:



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Share the thing that you intend to do and then pray into each other's situations.

SESSION SIX: AMONG



Read **John 1:1-18** before viewing this video clip

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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following questions:

- » Peter had to go outside of all that was familiar to engage with somebody who was 'different'. How do you feel about stepping outside of the familiar?
- » What are some of the things that stop you from engaging with the people that you are among?



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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following question:

- » How could you build bridges into the lives of people that you are among?



DO

Write down one thing that you are going to do that will result in your building a bridge into the life of a lost person that you know. Be specific:



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Share the thing that you intend to do and then pray into each other's situations.

SESSION SEVEN: AVAILABLE



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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following questions:

- » What did it cost Jesus to make himself available to people?
- » What are some of the things that take your time and are priorities that make it very difficult to be available to other people?



Read **Romans 12:1-3** before viewing this video clip

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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above

Now discuss the following question:

- » Who are the people that you sense God may want you to get to know?
- » How can you adjust things to make yourself available to a lost person (people)?



Write down one thing that you are going to do that will result in a lost person becoming a greater priority in your life. Be specific:



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SESSION EIGHT: ACTION



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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following questions:

- » Who are some of the people that you see frequently but never really look at?
- » Share your experiences of times when you have sensed God at work in a lost person's life—what happened?



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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following questions:

- » How do you feel about trusting God as you co-operate with Him in reaching the lost?
- » In what ways do you sense the Lord is working in people that know you but don't know Jesus?



DO

Write down one thing that you are going to do to take action as you join in with what the Lord is doing. Be specific:



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Share the thing that you intend to do and then pray into each other's situations.

SOCIAL GATHERING

Over the past weeks you have been openly and honestly considering ways that you will engage with lost people. It may be good now to have a social time together as a group, to eat some food and talk informally about the things that each of you is learning and experiencing through this process.

This may also be a great opportunity to think/pray about opportunities that there may be for the group to do something together that will enable you, as a group, to engage with people who are beyond the walls of the church. The following questions may be helpful as you consider this:

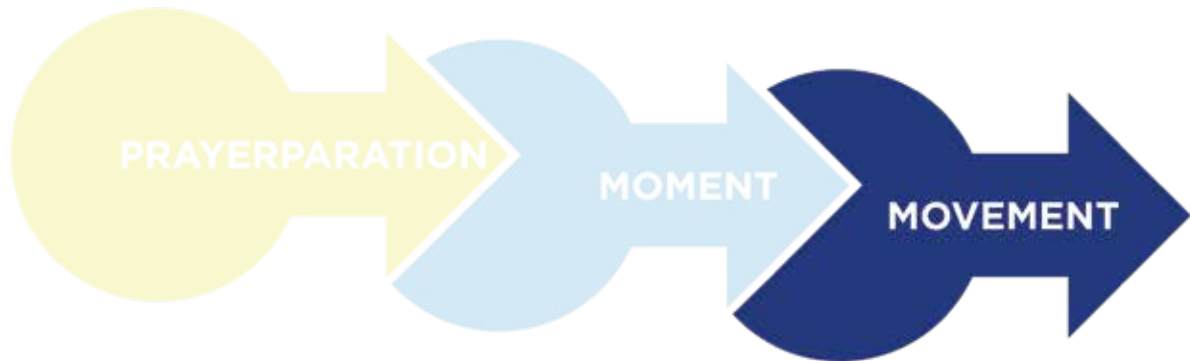
1. Is there something that we enjoy doing that we could do together among people who are outside of the walls of the church? This may be a sport/ activity ...
2. What is/are a local need(s) that we could connect with and seek to support in practical ways that will lead to the building of relationships with people who are outside of the church?
3. Is there something that we could do as a group that we could invite people in our community to attend? This could be very informal and provide an opportunity to build relationships

Be creative and willing to try something that is outside of your comfort zone!

You may find it helpful to look at the 'Care & Share' resource that has been produced by The Rooftop.



MOVEMENT



2. EXPAND 'MAKING DISCIPLES'

Having considered ways that you will engage with people who are beyond the walls of the church, it is important to be clear on what is that you are seeking to 'achieve'.

If the Kingdom of God is to expand then it is vital that we 'make disciples' (Matthew 28:19) rather than 'get decisions'.

These four sessions have been created to help you explore the importance of both 'being' a disciple and 'making' disciples who will then 'be' disciples who 'make' disciples.

As you gather in a group and consider how you will engage with lost people please continue to:

- * Fully participate—your views and experiences are enormously important—be sure to share them
- * Be open and honest
- * Be supportive and encouraging
- * Be accountable
- * Regularly consider ways that you may join together 'as a group' to engage in local community activities that will provide you with opportunities to connect with those who are outside of the walls

SESSION NINE: DISCIPLESHIP AND EVANGELISM



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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following question:

» In what ways do you agree/not agree with Dennis' comment: *'We seem to have got something wrong here. We seem to think that church is in some way about church rather than the church is actually about reaching out to people who are lost'*?



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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following questions:

- » How do you feel about the statement *'to be a disciple is to join in with the mission of Jesus'*?
- » How is this being worked out in your own life?



DO

Write down one thing that you are going to do that will enable you to more effectively join Jesus in His mission. Be specific:



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SESSION TEN: DISCIPLESHIP AND DISCOVERY



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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following questions:

- » In what ways might this view of 'pre-conversion discipleship' help you to be more effective in connecting with lost people?
- » In what ways are you 'discipling' people towards an understanding of Jesus?



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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following questions:

- » In what ways does a life that is being transformed help people to want to know more about Jesus?
- » How do you feel about investing time in people who don't know Jesus?



DO

Write down one thing that you will do to 'invest' in the life of a person that you will disciple towards faith in Jesus. Be specific:



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SESSION ELEVEN: DISCIPLESHIP AND DECISION



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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following questions:

- » What do you understand by the statement that a 'decision' must be a 'decision to follow Jesus'?
- » How is the decision to follow Jesus different from the decision that we often ask for in a gospel presentation?



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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following questions:

- » What has it meant for you to turn away from a 'me-centered' life and to follow Jesus by joining in with His mission?
- » How would you encourage others to follow Jesus in this way?



DO

Write down what you will do to encourage another person to make a decision to begin to follow Jesus. Be specific:



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SESSION TWELVE: DISCIPLESHIP AND DISPLAY



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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following questions:

- » In what ways has your desire to share the gospel become greater or smaller?
- » What could you do to help ensure that those who come to faith continue to share their faith?



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DISCUSS

Take some time to share and discuss the things that you have written in the box above.

Now discuss the following question:

- » How could your small group provide the support and accountability that will help new Christians to grow in faith and join in with the mission of Jesus?



DO

Write down some things that you need to do/learn that will enable you to help a new Christian to share their faith. Be specific:



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SOCIAL GATHERING – WHAT NOW?

You have spent considerable time together considering ways that you will pursue God’s heart, seek a fresh vision of His passion for the lost, engage with lost people and expand the Kingdom of God in the local community.

It may be good now to have a further social time together as a group and consider next steps.

The Rooftop is not a **program** that has now been finished, it is a **process** that is intended to continue and help you to be continually ‘on mission with Jesus’.

During this social gathering, eat some food and informally talk about ways that what has been happening will continue and become ‘the normal’ way of following Jesus.

You may find it helpful to talk/pray about some things that you could begin/continue to do together/to engage with lost people in the local community and make disciples beyond the walls of the church.

You may also want to talk/pray about how you will continue to engage with lost people and perhaps, how you will equip others to become disciples who make disciples.

As you consider these things, please take some time to become familiar with the resources that The Rooftop has produced that can help, these include:

Care & Share

Tip-for-use: Care & Share is an ideal course to equip Christians to join Jesus in His Mission among the people that they meet in their daily lives.

At a glance:

- ***Flexible use including teaching and practical application***
- ***Leader’s Manual***
- ***Personal Journal***



As He engaged in His mission, Jesus both cared for people’s needs and shared the good news of the Kingdom with them. As His followers, it is important that Christians are equipped to care and share if they are to reach people who are beyond the walls of the church.

Care & Share is filled with helpful bible teaching notes that tell followers of Jesus how He reached people, simple role-plays that show how they can do this, and, most importantly, practical action—we let people have a go and then reflect on what they have experienced!

Engaging Through Story

At a glance:

- *Six sessions*
- *Video content*
- *Leader's Manual*
- *Personal Journal*



Consisting of video and written teaching materials, Engaging Through Story equips Christians to communicate the message of Jesus by sharing the story of what God IS DOING in their lives, listening to the story of the person that they are talking with and then sharing the story of Jesus.

A key feature of Engaging Through Story is a variety of faith stories that can be downloaded to phones/tablets and used to begin a conversation.

These are available at: morethanstories.org

**To find out more about these materials please
contact The Rooftop via the website: therooftop.org**

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