

Personal Outreach Tools

How to Share Your Faith with Jamie and Donna Winship

Listening Prayer Guide - Identity

Use the questions and spaces below to engage in listening prayer about identity. Journal the first things that come to your mind in response to these questions.

What are the names that others have given me?

God, who do you say that I am?

God, what would it look like to live in my true identity?

God, what do you want me to know?

God, what do you want me to do?



Listening Prayer Guide - Fear and Forgiveness

Use the questions and spaces below to engage in listening prayer about fear and forgiveness. Journal the first things that come to your mind in response to these questions.

What are my fears?

God, who have I not forgiven?

God, where have I not accepted your forgiveness?

God, what do you want me to know?

God, what do you want me to do?



Listening Prayer Filters

Ask yourself the following questions after engaging in listening prayer to sort through your thoughts and determine which of them are from God.

Does what I heard line up with Scripture?

When God speaks to us individually, his words will be in line with scripture. In fact, the more familiar we are with the words of God in the Bible, the better we will be able to hear his voice in our day to day lives.

Does what I heard help me to move forward in my faith?

Jesus is always inviting us to take our next step toward him. If what you hear causes you to take steps back in your spiritual development, or to return to past behaviors that God has set you free from, you can be certain that those words are not from him.

Does what I heard produce guilt and shame?

Romans 8:1 tells us that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. If your thoughts are filled with guilt and shame, you can know that those are not the words Jesus speaks over you.

Does my community affirm what I heard?

God calls us to live our faith in community so that we can spur one another on in our spiritual transformation. Take your thoughts and questions to those who you trust and who have demonstrated love and care for you. They can help you to discern the voice of God in your life.



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Sometimes it is helpful to put personal outreach into easy-to-remember steps. If you are someone who likes acronyms, commit this one to memory!

Be in prayer

Constant communication with God helps us to see opportunity for personal outreach in places we may not expect.

Listen

When you are in conversation with others, do more listening than talking. Be an active listener to create better rapport and determine whether this person is a person of peace.

Eat

Have you ever noticed the way that people bond over meals? Invite a person of peace to a meal or meet for coffee. You could even involve them in an activity that doesn't include food, just look for opportunities to do something together.

Serve

Serve them, or serve with them. You never know how God may open a door through the simple question, "How can I help?"

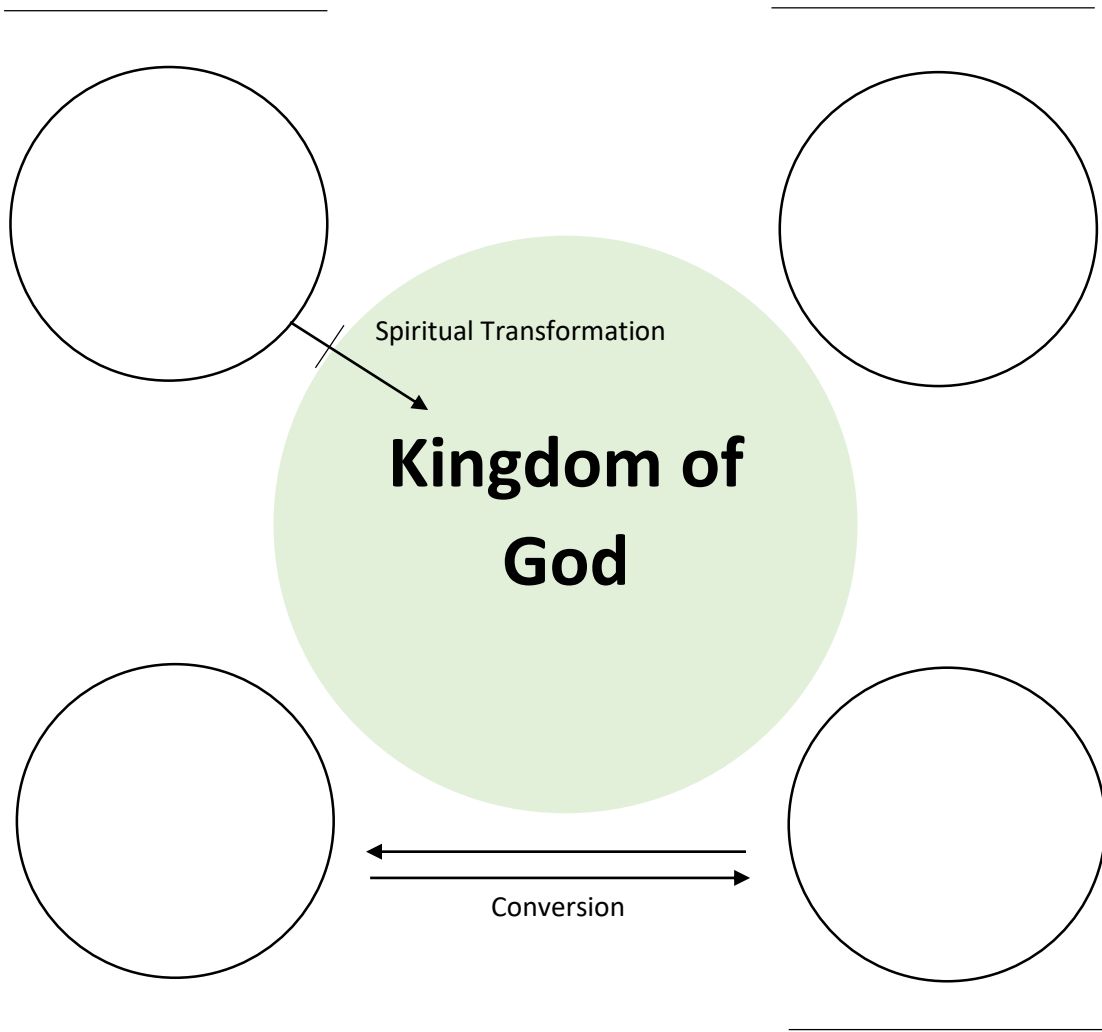
Story

Ask them to share their story and be prepared to share your own. Remember, active listening means you are really listening to the person, not day dreaming or thinking about what you will say next. Expect God to give you insight into this person, and he likely will!



Kingdom Circles

Jamie uses Kingdom Circles to help those who are not yet in the kingdom to see the difference between conversion and spiritual transformation. Take a moment to fill in the Kingdom Circles chart below with the different group identities (religious and non-religious) in your community.



Where might the people in your life see themselves in this diagram? How could you have a kingdom conversation with them that keeps spiritual transformation as the goal?

A large, empty light green rectangular box provided for writing answers to the reflection question.

Share Your Story Guideline

Use the following questions to discover the personal outreach potential within your faith story. You should be able to fit your answers in the boxes provided! Remember, the power of your story is not in its length, but in the way it points to Jesus.

What was my life like before Christ?

How did I come into the kingdom?

What is my life like with Christ?

