

Module 5 Worksheet - Outside the Box Disciple Making

Elim Church: My purpose is winning souls ... *I will never be satisfied until I fulfill my purpose.*

#1. In this parable, who (literally) are the lost? Anyone who is ... *not with the other sheep.* (73-82%)¹

#2. Five Harvest Principles: Fruit does not *volunteer; you have to go get it.*

#3. Neil Cole & the Smoking Section: *Are you going to them or asking them to come to you?*

#4. **Select & Serve:** After 3 or 4 months of such love, *the hardest soul softens up and surrenders to Christ.*

Please group the 18 activities below with regard to being an effective place for evangelistic disciple making to happen (1=highest, 2=helpful, 3=unhelpful, 4=ineffective). Be ready to explain your reasons with regard to your ranking, the return on investment and how that activity might be tweaked to be more effective.

A. A district workshop on making disciples.

C. An Administrative Council meeting.

E. Sack groceries at the church food pantry.

G. Help your neighbor bring in their groceries.

I. Attend the high school football game.

K. Organize a holiday meal for the poor.

L. Concert at church with a Christian group.

N. Start a new contemporary worship service.

P. Open a church daycare program.

B. Laity session of Annual Conference.

D. Tutor a student at the high school.

F. Carry food pantry sacks to people's cars.

H. Volunteer at the local hospital.

J. Attend a Sunday School game night.

K. Invite a group to use the church (AA? Scouts? TOPS?)

M. Start a bible study for smokers.

O. Organize a church softball team.

Q. Have classes on toilet training toddlers.

REVIEWING THE FOUR CORNERED ROOM:

Discussion: How could you open up side doors to each of the corners for new people to enter from the outside BEFORE they attend worship? Why would this be beneficial?

F is for Fellowship:

I is for Interest:

S is for Service:

H is for Harvest:

Ralph Neighbour: *"The typical church-goer relates to only five to eight people for at least one full hour per week per person, and half of those Christians cannot name a single unbeliever among their close friends. Many of them have not even made a new acquaintance in the past twelve months. They live in little personal bubbles, having no interest in people who live and work close to them."* *Natural Church Development* research indicates the average Christian has 8.5 weekly contacts with unbelievers.²

Who are your 8.5? What are you going to do about it?

¹Presser and Stinson percentage of actual church attendance in a population by census time diaries: "26% in 1994." http://www.religioustolerance.org/rel_rate.htm. Bishop Gregory Palmer, 2009: 18%.

²Ralph W. Neighbour, *Where Do We Go From Here*, 101. Emphasis in original. Christian Schwarz, *Natural Church Development: A Guide to Eight Essential Qualities of Healthy Churches*, 35.