

CORE—NEW Lesson 9 (2025-26 edition) Facilitator's Guide:

The Kingdom I Seek—Listening & Preparing for Mission
For Bible Classes, Small Groups, Family Studies, & Individual Studies

Aim: To help our students feel fully equipped to be missionaries & evangelists in this world.

Key Bible Verse: 2 Timothy 4:5—"But as for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."

Bible Class Welcome & Prayer (3-4 minutes)

- **Review** the purpose of CORE (to know, live, & share the Christian Faith) & discuss progress so far in personal, family, & class goals.
- **Ice Breaker:** What is the most recent exciting news you have shared with someone else or can share with us today? Or when was the last time you listened to someone else share exciting (or not-so-exciting) news and tried not to talk until they finished speaking?

Discussion—Becoming Fully Equipped to Evangelize (about 30-35 minutes)

1. **Read the Key Verse and then Ask (5-7 mins):** "Do you believe the Bible calls all Christians to be evangelists/missionaries—yes or no? What difference does it make if all Christians are evangelists vs. only some?"
 - **Note:** The word "evangelist/evangelize" can simply mean "sharing the Good News," so there are many ways to do this. What are some ways we can do this?
 - **Bold Questions (be prepared for a variety of answers):** "Do you want to be an evangelist/missionary?" Do you prefer a different word than 'evangelist/missionary'—why? Is it okay for us to use different biblical words to refer to the same concept?
2. **Ask "What is the #1 Greatest Need in the World Today?" according to Insiders of the Church & Discuss (5-7 mins):**
 - Pass around the stack of Evangelism/Listening cards entitled "What is the #1 Greatest Need in the World Today" & have everyone take 1.
 - Ask everyone to scan the QR code on their phones and answer the 1 question survey. (If your audience does not have phones or you do not want them to use them, pass out small sheets of paper for them to answer on. Collect them for part 2. Please drop off their answers in the church office after class for us to enter them into the survey.)
 - a. **Note:** Remind them that this survey is part of our year of listening to Christians and non-Christians, and will help inform many of the things College Church does in the future. We want everyone's answer.
 - Part 2: Ask everyone to share their answers as you write them on the board. You can put a checkmark by those mentioned multiple times.
3. **Reflect on "What is the #1 Greatest Need in the World Today?" according to Outsiders of the Church & Discuss (5-7 mins):**
 - Ask 3-5 people to share how it went when they asked someone else this question—what did they say is the #1 greatest need in the world today (using the evangelism/listening card or not) and how did the evangelistic process go? (scary, exciting, 1st time, done it many times?)
 - Encourage everyone to give this 1 "Greatest Need" evangelism/listening card to 1 person this week and see what their response is and how it felt to participate in the evangelism process (you can have them share their experience in next month's CORE lesson. This is 1 way to help train every member to evangelize.)

4. Application (5-7 mins):

- Which role of the evangelism process are you most and least comfortable with?
 - a. Write on the board: Planter (1 Cor 3:6), Waterer (1 Cor 3:6), Harvester (Mt 9:38), and Caring for Fallow Ground (Lev 25:5).
 - b. You can define these roles however you choose, but the idea is—“Planters” initiate spiritual conversations, “Waterers” deepen relationships and knowledge, “Harvesters” help inform about how to make a commitment to the Lord, and “Carers for Fallow Ground” help rejuvenate missionaries or reopen lines of communication between seekers & God.
 - c. **Follow-up:** Is there another category you would like to add that represents your role in the evangelism process? Does our class have all four types of evangelists (what if we do/don’t)? How can we add another role to our skills as individuals, a family, a class, a church?

5. How Prepared Are We Today (2-3 mins):

- Would anyone like to share how they would/did answer the survey question—“Are you prepared today to be a missionary in Searcy?” (1) Yes/No, (2) How prepared are you on a scale of 0% to 100%, and (3) What would it take to feel fully prepared?
- How could we help one another over the next 12 months grow to become fully prepared?

Going Deeper Homework—B.A.T. Challenge for the Month:

- **B**elieve – Study the scriptures to determine what the Bible teaches about who is called to evangelize or be a missionary in the world today. Write down the Scriptures that you find. Meditate on it, and pray.
- **A**ct – Practice 1 act of evangelism (mission work) this week by giving the “Greatest Need” listening/evangelism card to someone in our community (a friend, family member, or stranger). Ask that person to fill out the survey link or when they tell you their answer, you can fill it out on their behalf (include their name or make it anonymous).
- **T**each – Come prepared next month to share with the class how your evangelism experience went and what you learned from the process.

12 Spiritual Disciplines Challenge (Try to complete all 12 by the end of the 12 month study of CORE):

1. **Write a Letter to God:** Express your heart’s deepest thoughts to your creator and Lord in writing.
2. **Play with Others:** Have fun with family, friends, neighbors, or acquaintances as service to God.
3. **Hospitality:** Use your home, money, resources, or time to care for someone else’s needs.
4. **Sabbath Keeping:** Choose a day to break from your regular routine. Prepare ahead of time and make sure that others can sabbath with you.
5. **Submission to God:** Submit to the Word of God in a specific area where you have been resisting him.
6. **Pray for the Success of a Competitor:** Seek God on behalf of someone with whom you don’t always see eye-to-eye.
7. **Secret Service:** Do good for someone without drawing attention to your act.
8. **Deaccumulation:** Get rid of something that you do not need or something you value as a gift for another.
9. **No Gossip Day:** Do not spread true or false information about others that ought not be shared.
10. **Fast:** Give up a meal, social media, or even speaking for a day to devote more time to God and others.
11. **Worship:** Spend time in extended prayer, singing, reading/memorizing scripture, meditation with God.
12. **Custom Discipline:** Choose your own spiritual discipline to observe alone or with others for a set time.