



## BACKYARD MISSIONS TRIP TRAINING MODULE

**OBJECTIVE:** To be sent out by pairs (Lk 10) or three's to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus. Jesus' Spirit lives in us (Rom 8) and desires to use us to heal, deliver, speak words of encouragement, comfort, and love.

This activity does NOT involve handing out Gospel tracts and preaching on a street corner. Rather...

We simply 1) offer prayer and encouragement, no strings attached! and 2) give out a church invite.

Then, you will have won the right to share the Gospel. How?

By proving that you sincerely care for the recipient, no matter their background... no judgment whatsoever! You could be sharing with an Atheist or a Satanist or a Muslim, and they are blown away because you are not trying to shove the Gospel message down their throat or telling them to repent. They already know deep down inside that they need to repent.

We do NOT hand out "Gospel tracts." They have proven to be ineffective for the most part in this post-Christian culture. Rather, we offer this radical no-strings-attached offer to simply pray and encourage in Jesus' name.

**INTRO:** Know that God qualified you! It doesn't matter how many Bible verses you have memorized or how spiritually mature you are. If you are saved and passionately love Jesus, then you are qualified.

You have a heart that is broken for the lost. What's our church's tagline? "Passion for God, compassion for people."

You are filled with the Holy Spirit and led by the Holy Spirit. This often times happens very naturally.

All authority belongs to Jesus, the Sheriff of the Universe, and He has deputized you with the same authority to preach, teach, heal, and deliver. (Mt 28:18-20)

You are an intentional and determined laborer in this field of souls. You plant and water. God brings the increase and you trust in that. (1 Cor 3:6) Sometimes you may not experience results yet trust God with the results. God is more concerned with lost souls than you are!

**PRAYER:** We are in constant prayer throughout the whole afternoon. Most of the time, silent prayer. As the Lord leads, you should pray out loud together.

Be careful what you think about, what you see, and what you talk about. In other words, don't quench the Holy Spirit, but rather be filled with the Holy Spirit.

The specific prayer is...

*"Lord, direct me to that specific person that you  
prepared in advance to receive prayer and encouragement."*

THEN, in faith, walk up to that person and engage. Trust me, you will be blown away!

We are going out to enjoy the event! As we are enjoying the afternoon, people will comment about our t-shirts and/or vests. Every time someone comments, respond.

“How can I pray for you?” ... “Oh, nothing specific.” ... “No worries. Then, I’ll just pray a 10-second general prayer, okay? (Wait.) ... “Okay.” (Then, pray a simple prayer.)

Always share that you’re doing this because Jesus loves them so much! He wants to bless them today, no strings attached.

Also, be focused on healing.

“I believe God still heals today. Are you hurting anywhere? Any physical issues at all?” ... “Yes, I have back issues.” ... “Okay, I’m going to place my hand on your back, that okay with you? Where specifically?” ... “Sure, that’s fine. Lower, in the middle.” Then, pray a simple prayer believing God with childlike faith to heal them on the spot. Command the pain to go away and everything to be corrected.

PROMOTION: Always always always hand everyone you talk to an invite card to our church and...

... ask if they would like to follow Jesus. If they say yes, have them repeat after you a simple prayer.

*“Dear Jesus, I know that I’m a sinner in need of forgiveness. You love me so much that you died for my sins. Please come into my heart and make me a new person. I believe in my heart that you rose from the grave and I confess with my mouth that you are Lord. I commit to following you all my days. In your name I pray, amen.”*

OTHER: Be careful not to get into arguments with people. The enemy will use people to try and get you frustrated and ineffective. You cannot argue someone into the kingdom! Go for the heart, not the head.

Be careful not to get too aggressive with people. Just be easy breezy and go with the flow. Think about how Jesus would gently lead in a conversation to bring someone to a particular realization of their need for Him, e.g. His engagement with the woman at the well.

If you are NOT receiving comments about your t-shirt or vest, you will need to make the first move. ENGAGE. Let’s say that you’re in a line for food or a ride and it has been a while since someone made a comment. Just start a conversation with someone. “Nice weather, huh?” ... “Yep.” ... “So, yeah, the church I go to, we are walking around and sharing God’s love with people by simply asking how we can pray for them. So, how can I pray for you?”

If you get rejected, don’t let it bother you. Just “shake the dust off” as you walk on. In other words, shrug it off.

ASK QUESTIONS! Engage in warm conversation. Make a friend. Exchange contact info. Do they need a ride to church this Sunday? Tell them about our children’s ministry, youth ministry, etc. We are totally equipped to meet their spiritual and relational needs.

TAKE PICTURES! We need them for next Sunday’s church services and for promotional purposes. Take candid pictures discreetly of you ministering to people. Also, ask the recipients if you can take selfies with them and also pictures of you and them posing!

SUMMARY: We are going out to enjoy the event, and as we do, we will take every opportunity to advance the kingdom as we can through prayer and encouragement. Why is that? Because we are a missional people. We are a missionary team on a missions trip in our “Jerusalem.”