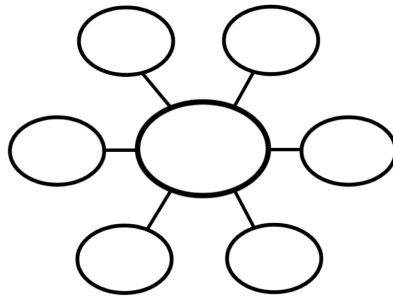


# The L.O.S.T. Prayer Tool

HELPING DISCIPLES PRAY FOR THE LOST AROUND THEM



1. Consider the Lost people around you. Make a List of the people you know (**close** to you) who do not have a relationship with Jesus (**far** from God).
2. Create an Oikos Map (Oikos=Relational Network)
  - a. Draw a small circle in the middle of a blank sheet of paper and put your name in the circle.
  - b. Draw other circles around your circle, connecting these new circles to yours with a line (should look like web).
  - c. Take the names from step one and put them in the new circles, one name per circle. Your Oikos Map should look something like this:



1. PRAY! When you talk to God, ask Him for :

## L - LOVE FOR THE LOST



- Every single person, lost or believer, is made in the image of God and is valuable in the eyes of the Father. He desires relationship with those who are lost and in sin and has called us to pursue them too. ([Gen 1:27](#); [Jer 24:7](#))
- This person is far from God, and will be separated from Him for eternity unless they turn from their sin and trust in Jesus to save them. ([Romans 6:23](#))
- Ask God to break your heart for what breaks His. Ask Him to increase your desire and fervor to see the lost give their lives to Jesus. ([Romans 9:1-3](#))

Example: "God, break my heart for the lost around me. Teach me and help me to love those who are far from you."

## O - OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE

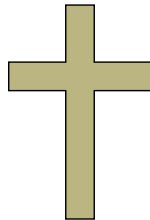


- If you are in Christ, and he has made you into a new creation by the power of the Gospel, then you are called to be an ambassador of Christ. ([2 Corinthians 5:17-21](#))

- Ask God to increase your awareness for opportunities that He is orchestrating for you to be able to share the gospel with the people on your list. Be intentional to create them yourself!
- Ask God to give you boldness in sharing the gospel with those who are far from Him. ([Acts 4:23-31](#))

Example: "God, help me to seize the opportunities that you are creating for me to share the good news of Jesus with the lost today. I want to live as the missionary you have called me to be."

## S - SALVATION FOR THE LOST



- Simply ask God to do what only He can do: save souls. He melts the heart of stone and he gives the new heart of flesh. Petition the heart of God to act and move in the lives of those on your list. ([Ezek. 36:26](#); [John 6:44](#))
- Ask God to convict lost people of their sin so they would recognize their need for a savior. ([John 16:8](#), [1 John 5:14-15](#))

Example: "God, save the lost people on my list for your glory and their good."

## I - TRUST IN THE LORD'S PLAN



- God has invited you to play a part in His plan to redeem His creation. The part you have to play is that of a faithful, obedient farmer. You are called to cast the seed

of the gospel message anywhere and everywhere while God remains Lord of the Harvest.

- In this final step, ask God to encourage you in the midst of rejection or persecution. Ask him to sustain you as you trust in His sovereign purposes.

Example: "Lord Jesus, I recognize my place in your plan. Keep me moving forward on mission, despite of the challenges I am face."

