

How to:

Map Your Oikos

“And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household [oikos].”

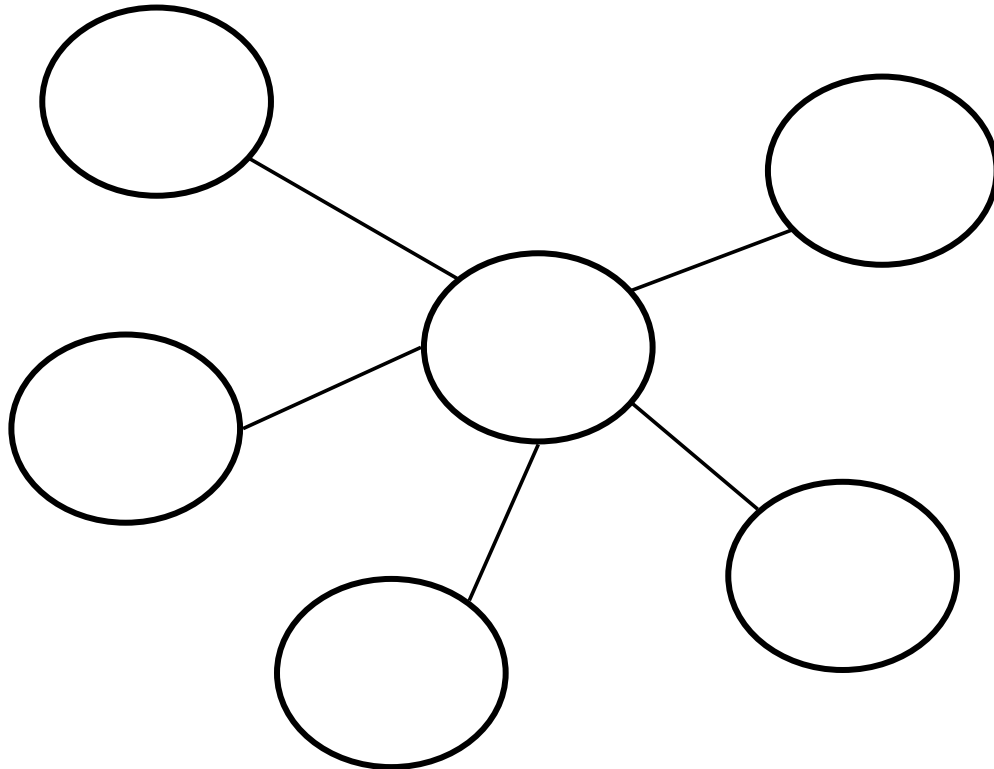
Acts 16:31

The term oikos means “household” in Greek. One of the ways the Gospel spread in the New Testament was through entire households hearing the Gospel and believing. The Gospel also moved as people shared the Good News through their relational networks.

The Oikos Map is a way to identify and pray for nonbelievers in your network who need to hear about Jesus. Prayerfully think of 5 people in your relational network you would like to share the Gospel with. These can be people in your household, workplace, neighborhood, sports team, class, gym, club, etc.!

Commit to praying for these individuals daily and pursuing them in love. Prayerfully seek out opportunities to share the Gospel with them. Don't know how to share the Gospel? See our guide on sharing the Gospel by visiting the link below.

If you need help thinking through people in your network, try thinking through the acronym “FRANC”: friends, relatives, acquaintances, neighbors, and coworkers!



Access videos and resources online here:



or at crosspointclemsontools.org/gospel-tools

You've mapped your oikos, now what?

Now that you've mapped your relational network, you may be wondering how you can lovingly pursue your friends and seek to share the Gospel with them. The acronym "BLESS" can help you think through next steps with those you've written down in the oikos map on the previous page.



B

Begin with prayer. Start by praying for the people you have identified on your oikos map. Pray that God would provide different opportunities for you to pursue your friends and family and share the Good News with them.



L

Listen. As you have conversations with the friends and family in your life, genuinely listen to them and care for them as people. Hear their beliefs, doubts, struggles, and needs. Give them space to share what they think and be cautious not to dominate every conversation with your beliefs.



E

Eat. Sharing meals is a great way to show hospitality and get time with people! Cooking meals with and for people can be a great way to care for them. Over shared meals, the Lord may also provide opportunities to share Christ with people.



S

Serve. As you see needs and opportunities, a practical way to represent Christ is by serving others. This can look many different ways, but by serving people and meeting practical needs God may open hearts to Christ, who came not to "be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28).



S

Share. As God opens doors to conversations, be ready to share the Gospel and your testimony with others! If you need help with either of these, see our other resources at the link below.

