

How to:

Map Your Oikos

Trainer's Guide

"And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household [oikos]."
Acts 16:31

This is a short guide that explains important steps and tips for equipping a group of people to be able to share the Gospel with others.

Steps for training others:

Tips

1

Prepare by thinking through your own oikos before your group meets. Bring any supplies you may need (dry erase board/paper for you to write on, paper and pens for your small group members).

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Pray. Begin the training with prayer. Ask God to help your group think of people He wants you to pursue. Pray that God would give you boldness to pursue these people with the Gospel.

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Explain the concept of the Oikos Map. See the Participant's Guide for more details about the meaning of the *oikos*.

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Demonstrate by mapping out your *oikos* on a large sheet of paper/whiteboard for your group. Recommend ideas for your group to consider where they might know people (e.g., work, family, school, etc.)

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Practice. Have participants individually draw their oikos map. You can use the Participant's Guide for "How to: Map Your Oikos" as a template or simply draw out the bubble diagram on their own paper.

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Plan & Pray. Once your group members draw their *oikos* maps, have them break into smaller groups to discuss when they will be around these people. For each person they have listed, have them plan a practical step to get time and take a next step toward the Gospel with each person. In their groups, have them pray over the people they have listed.

- Plan for this activity to take **~45 minutes** in your group from beginning to end.
- Not a group leader but still want to train someone to map their *oikos*? Feel free to adapt this training for a 1:1 environment!
- If there is someone in your group who is not a Christian, try to pair them with yourself or another trusted person. You do not need to pressure them to do this activity or dissuade them from doing it, but let them know that they are welcome to participate if they would like. Pray for wisdom for situations like this.
- Emphasize that we are trying to see what opportunities already exist in our schedules and lives, not just looking to add more commitments to the calendar.

