

# *Sharing Christ in Your Realm*

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## *Journey to Here*

*Jail ministry in Tulsa, 2012-1013*

*Referred to "Living Proof" by Joe Rust*

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## *PRINCIPLES*

*God's Mission statement*

*Matthew 28:19-20*

*Acts 1:8*

*I Peter 3:15*

*Philippians 1:27, 2:15*

*Ephesians 1:4-10*

## *Elements of disciple making*

*Passion for the gospel – Acts 26:29, Romans 1:15-16*

*Passion for people – II Corinthians 5:14, I John 4:19*

*Time and thought-commitment-II Corinthians 6:4-10*

*Reaping and sowing – Mark 4:19, 26-29 "Think like a farmer, not a salesman!"*

*"90% of evangelism is love" – Dr. Bob Smith (Living Proof, p.96) Col. 4:5*

*Enemies of disciple making: Busyness, inertia, procrastination (Living Proof, p. 140)*

*"Where are the exhortations [in the New Testament] to witness?" – (Living Proof, p.83)*

*Paul "reaped" those ready for "harvesting"*

*Sowing was required of the early church*

*"Growing" faith requires patience, water, sun, soil*

*Often, a series of "mini-decisions" (Living Proof, p. 150)*

*Nonbelievers keep coming back because of love, Holy Spirit*

*"A one-liner crediting the scriptures communicates more...than do my Best propositions about God." (Insider, p.174)*



## *PRACTICE*

### *Pray!*

*Colossians 4:2-4*

*Identify your "neighborhood" – your "realm"*

### *Take "little initiatives" with people*

*Learn names, common activities*

*Initiate! – "They won't come to us!" (Living Proof, p. 145)*

*"If we take nothing more from this than these two ideas and begin to practice them, God will use us in ways we never imagined." (Insider, p. 158)*

### *Serve others*

*The "whole OT = Love God and love neighbor – Matthew 22: 37-40*

*Eating together. Jesus "ate a lot with people" –*

*Matthew, Zacchaeus, Pharisees, Lazarus, Last Supper, post-resurrection baked fish!*

### *Converse your faith*

*Listen! Be slow with advice. Praise whenever possible.*

*Make the most of every opportunity – Colossians 4:5-6*

*Their story leads to your story leads to His story. Don't hijack a conversation! (Insider, p. 172)*

*Minimize debate – Paul in Acts 9 vs. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.*

*"Come and see" – John 1: 45-46 Curiosity makes people want more. (Insider, p. 172)*

### *The Power of the Holy Spirit thru the Scriptures*

*Hebrews 4:12 – Living, active and sharp*

*John 16: 7-11 – H.S. convicts of sin, righteous and judgment*

*Just read thru the Scriptures, answering two questions:*

*"Who is Jesus?"*

*"What does He want from me?" – Acts 22: 8, 10)*

*"24 Hours with John" – (Living Proof, p. 217)*

### *"Midwifing the new birth"*

*It's rebellion, not ignorance that keeps people from Christ (Insider, p. 198)*

*It takes time for faith to grow and rebellion to end. Premature birth can result in death!*

*"Living Proof" by Jim Petersen, and "The Insider" by Jim Petersen and Mike Shamy, NavPress. (Obtained at [NavPress.com/nonfiction/evangelism](http://NavPress.com/nonfiction/evangelism) and theology.)*