Contagious Christians-Student Handout

A Bible Study of The Mount Zion Church



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Contagious (adjective)

(of an emotion, feeling, or attitude) likely to spread to and affect others. Example: "Her enthusiasm is contagious"

> Taken from the book Becoming A Contagious Christian:

By Bill Hybels and Mark Mittelberg

BECOMING A CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIAN (Lesson One)

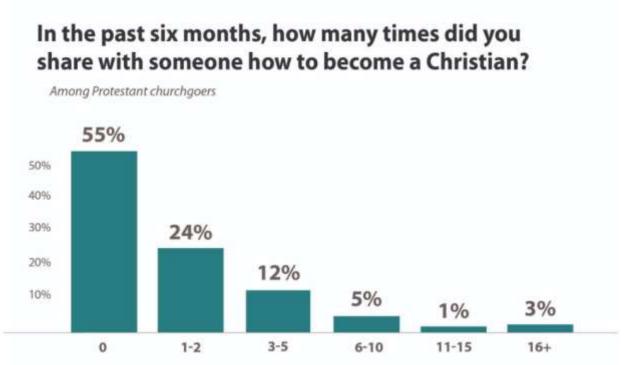
The goal of this lesson is to prepare us to be contagious Christians who are active in leading others to Christ.

[19] Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and Io, I am with you always, to the close of the age. " (Matt. 28 19-20)

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost (Luke 19:10).

As the Father has sent me, I am sending you (John 20:21).

You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).



Data from Discipleship Pathway Assessment 2019: Lifeway Research Group What does this data help us to understand?

THE BENEFITS OF BECOMING A CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIAN

When we help people find the forgiveness and leadership of Jesus, what are the benefits to us, to others, and to God?

Write down a few responses to each of these three areas of benefits.

- To us?
- Others?
- To God?

What people said when asked: Why I Joined the Church: What themes do you notice?

- Clear word and a connection with the Pastor
- Bible word connection
- Invited by a friend
- My cousin invited me to check out service online and then we came in person
- Wanted to find out more about me and my purpose
- I felt welcomed and at home after visiting a couple dozen churches
- Sermon straight from the Bible
- I met the pastor's wife and she invited me when she learned I was new to the city
- Was fearful of my disobedience so I asked God to send me where I could learn the word
- After meeting some people from the church decided to visit and felt welcome from the parking lot to my seat

The Problem of Perceptions

Evangelism	
Negative	Positive

Components of Contagious Christianity

Contagious Christianity is fueled by *love*. Review Luke 15: 8-10

It flows out of ______.

It's built on relationships.

It's expressed in both actions and ______.

And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? (Romans 10:14, NLT).

It is a process. What part do you and I play in the growth of others? Are you doing your part consistently?

My job was to plant the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God, not we, who made it grow (1 Corinthians 3:6, NLT).

It's always a partnership.

Who is Apollos, and who is Paul, that we should be the cause of such quarrels? Why, we're only servants. Through us God caused you to believe. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us (1 Corinthians 3:5, NLT)

A person coming to Christ is like a chin with many links.... There are many influences and conversations that precede a person's decision to convert to Christ. I know the joy of being the first link at times, a middle link usually, and occasionally the last link. God has not called me to only be the last link.¹

Individual Activity: Who are your top 5? (Choose one or two people who are saved but disconnected)

Begin a Prayer List an and Impact List