

The Oikos Hammer

The Promise: You and your household (*oikos*) – a promise from God when we are faithful to Him

Ask these questions over each passage below. You can refer to other scripture as needed to answer each question:

- *By whom is the household saved?*
- *What are these people like?*
- *Who is a part of the household?*

1. Noah – Gen 6:8-9, 18; 7:1
2. Abraham – command his household to keep way Gen 18.19
3. Lot – Gen 19:12-15
4. Joseph – Gen 45:11
5. Rahab – Josh 2:18
6. Shunammite woman – 2 Kg 8:1 sojourn for 7 years of famine then return home
7. Gerasene demoniac - Mk 5:1-20; 7:31 / Mt 15:29-31
8. Cana official's son healed – Jn 4.53 – whole household believed
9. Dorcus - Acts 9:36-42
10. Cornelius – Acts 11:14
11. Lydia - Acts 16:13-15, 40
12. Philippian jailer - Acts 16:23-34
13. Jesus - Acts 1:14

The Pattern:

- No more 1s and 2s. Households coming to faith was God's intention from the beginning. It's just whom He decides to unlock that household with.
- Oikos can be family, friends and close associates: bio, geo, voc and vol
- Household should be our primary and first harvest. Oikos is *the* way the gospel travels.
- When oikos is saturated, we find new POPs and then reach their oikos
- It is a tough thing to balance POP and oikos

Review oikos maps

- When is the last time you reviewed your oikos map?
- When is the last time you had your trainers review their oikos maps?
- How often do have our groups review and update their maps based on bio, geo, voc and vol?

Pray for oikos maps

- Pray over them weekly
- Discuss them in 3/3 groups

Do oikos pushes

- Especially immediately upon salvation
- Just like POP pushes

HOW the oikos (household) gets saved varies

How Households Come to Faith – Inductive Study

Questions to ask of each passage:

- *Who initiated the salvation of the **household**?*
- *How did the household come to faith? Which were 2nd generation?*
- *When were they baptized?*
- *What impact did the POP have on winning the whole household?*
- *Give a brief profile of the Person of Peace*
- ***What lessons can we apply in winning households of peace?***

Scripture:

1. **Levi:** Lk 5:27-32, Mk 2:14-17
2. **Sam woman:** Jn 4:7-42
3. **Demoniac:** Mk 5:1-20; 7:31 / Mt 15:29-31
4. **Zaccheus:** Lk 19:1-10
5. **Lazarus:** Jn 11:1-46, 12:9-11
6. **Cornelius:** Acts 10:1-11:18
7. **Lydia:** Acts 16:13-15, 40
8. **Jailer:** Acts 16:23-34
9. **Corinth:** Acts 18:4-11; 1 Cor 1:14-17, 16:15-18

Keys to winning groups and the 2nd generation

- Help them look outward and be responsible for household
 - ‘This is for you & your household’ – even pre-salvation
- Coach them on what to do: ‘Go back and tell your household.’
 - E.g. Demoniac
 - Be willing to go with them (if needed) – e.g. 1.5 generation
 - Help them identify people to share with in their household
- Encourage them to group as you witness to them
- Within minutes or hours, do TWO things – FOLLOW & FISH
 - FOLLOW: BAPTIZE & PREPARE them for persecution (count cost)
 - FISH
 - WHY - Give them VISION (“you & household”)
 - WHOM – OIKOS MAP – List their oikos. Identify responders: “Who would be excited about your life change?” “Who would most want to hear?” “Whom is God telling you to speak to?”
 - HOW - PROCLAMATION – Testimony (“Just tell them what happened” – Not hard!); coach them on contextually appropriate gospel witness