

SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTIST CONVENTION



COACHING COLLABORATIVE

PARTICIPANT

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTIST CONVENTION'S COACHING COLLABORATIVE FOR WOMEN IN MINISTRY.

The Coaching Collaborative is a network where leaders are challenged and encouraged by fellow leaders to use their sphere of influence to make a Kingdom impact. This network helps Christian women see their relational space, capacity, and influence as God-given opportunities to share hope.

We will do this by focusing on six core values:

SPIRITUAL VITALITY
AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS
EMPOWERED TEAMWORK
ACCOUNTABLE INTEGRITY
INNOVATIVE EXCELLENCE
GLOBAL GOSPEL ADVANCE

This collaborative will include ministers' wives, women's ministry leaders, small group facilitators, college student leaders, Sunday School teachers, etc. My goal is that every Christian woman in South Carolina will use her influence to share hope with a lost world, becoming a disciple-maker.

To join the collaborative, we require a six-month commitment to meet once a month with two other leaders via phone call, Zoom, or in person.

This small group is called a triad, and each triad will be assigned by SCBC staff. The seventh month will be a celebration time with all the triads to hear God stories. If you would like to participate in the Coaching Collaborative, please fill out this short form at www.scbaptist.org/share and we will be in touch with your next steps.

In scripture, we see Jesus spending time with other leaders. He would use that time to teach and model how to love the Lord with all their hearts and genuinely love their neighbor. In scripture, we also see Paul encouraging the church to live in harmony with one another, to help each other by honoring others above themselves, and to share their faith with those far from God. The body of Christ is meant to work together because we are better together. Proverbs 27:17 says As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. My prayer is that we gain a sharpened focus of our purpose, a hunger for real and authentic relationships, and an identifiable intensity for those within our sphere to move from death to life.

Sincerely,
Melanie Ratcliffe





GROUND RULES FOR COACHING COLLABORATIVE



SAFE GROUP

We will all do our part to create an environment of trust, safety, and transparency. We desire all our participants to be real, open and honest with their struggles and victories.

CONFIDENTIALITY

What is said in the collaborative stays in the collaborative.

LISTEN

Let's value one another during meetings by really listening to what is being shared. Try to avoid thinking about how you are going to respond or what you are going to say next.

NO "CROSSTALK"

Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations.

NO FIXING

We are not here to fix each other. Jesus does that part. Give encouragement; speak truth and point to Jesus. Don't try to solve or fix each other.

NO RESCUING

When people are sharing something deeply personal, there can be a tendency to try to make them feel better about themselves or the situation by providing immediate condolences. This will often cause them to stop sharing. Resist the temptation to rescue people.

SHARING

Be sensitive about the amount of time you share.

USING "I" STATEMENTS

It's easy to talk about the issues of others, but for our purposes, we want you to put yourself on the table. Try to use "I" statements rather than "them", "the church", "us", "we", etc.

CONFLICT

We will commit to resolve conflict Biblically. When conflict or sin issues between group members arise, we want to make sure that we are honoring God and each other in the way we deal with these issues.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Thank you for being a part of the Coaching Collaborative! Our desire is that throughout this experience you will find encouragement, accountability, and continue to grow in your relationship with God and others. We hope that you will have a clearer picture of where God has intentionally placed you and that you will use your influence to share hope and make disciples.

CONNECT:

With your triad find out, which each member prefers:

Mountains or Beach?

Coffee or tea?

Early Bird or Night owl?

CELEBRATE:

Take time to tell your faith story. Share how you became a follower of Jesus with the group.

EXPLORE:

Line Exercise:

Take out the "Line Exercise" and set a timer for 5 minutes and do the following:

Plot your faith journey on the line graph. Include your earliest memories of anything that played a part in you becoming a follower of Jesus. Put down names of people who played a part in you coming to faith, experiences, memories, anything or anyone you can think of that led you to the message of hope found in the

gospel. After the dot on the line where you indicated you are a follower of Jesus, be sure to add anything that continues to help you grow in your journey of knowing and following Him. After time is up, be ready to answer the following questions:

Who played the biggest part in your faith story? What did they do that made a lasting impact for you?
Who in your sphere of influence is God opening doors for you to share the hope of the gospel and become a part of their "line"?

CAPTURE:

What is something you learned or discovered today that is important or helpful for you?

ACT:

What is one way you can intentionally deepen the relationship with the person God has placed in your sphere of influence so that doors may be opened to share the hope of the gospel?

PRAY:

Spend time asking for God to open doors or continue opening doors for you and the others in the group to share the hope of the gospel.





MY FAITH JOURNEY

Plot your faith journey on the line below. Start from the very beginning, and along the line write down any memories, experiences, people ,etc. who helped move you towards becoming a follower of Jesus.

TODAY



BIRTH



SPIRITUAL VITALITY

MONTH ONE

CONNECT:

Today we will start our time together by praying and catching up with one another.

CELEBRATE:

Share how you were intentional in your relationships with someone in your circle of influence since our last meeting. Were there any opportunities to share hope as a result of your intentionality?

EXPLORE:

Today we are going to take a closer look at our walk with Christ.

In the 7 realities of Experiencing God, we are reminded that,

“God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.”

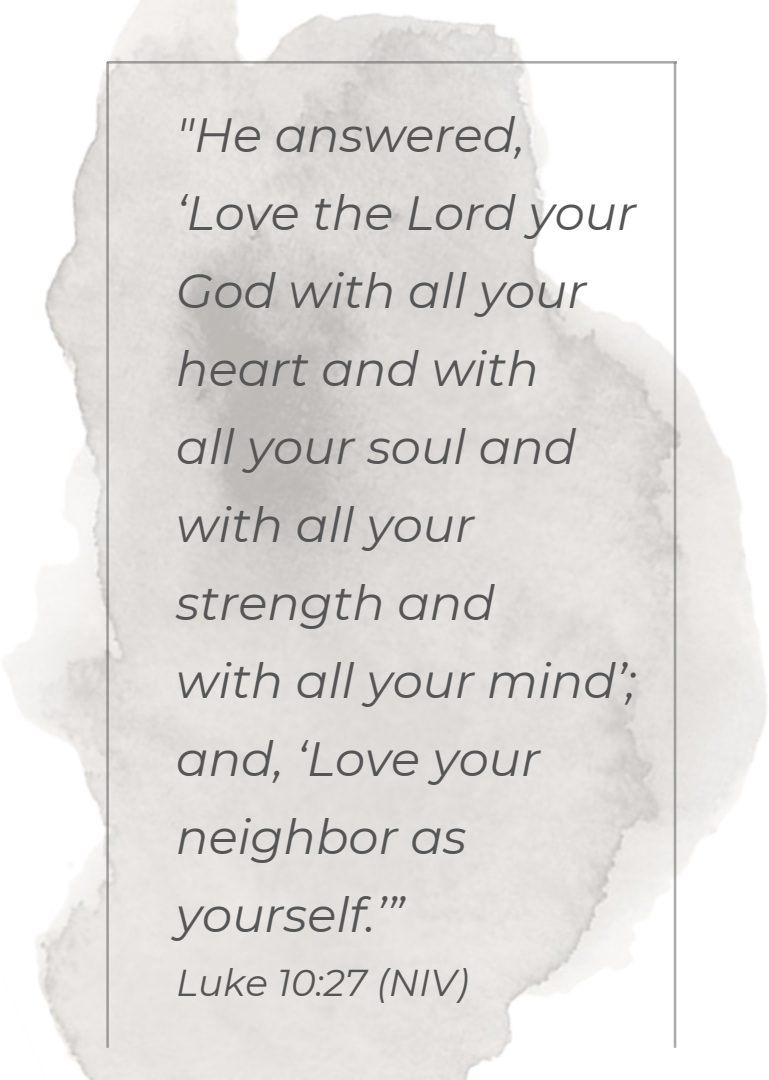
“In what way do you see God revealing Himself, His purposes, or His ways to you personally right now?”

Take a minute to answer the following questions:

- What is currently working when it comes to your relationship with Christ right now?

- What is something that needs to improve when thinking about your relationship with Christ?
- How is your personal relationship with Christ either encouraging you or discouraging you from sharing hope with the person or people God has placed in your circle of influence?

Be prepared to share your answers with one another.



*"He answered,
'Love the Lord your
God with all your
heart and with
all your soul and
with all your
strength and
with all your mind';
and, 'Love your
neighbor as
yourself.'"*

Luke 10:27 (NIV)

CAPTURE:

What is something new you discovered or learned based on your answers today?

ACT:

Over the next month what will you do differently that will allow you to continue to deepen and grow in your relationship with God so that you can share hope with your specific person in your circle of influence?

PRAY:

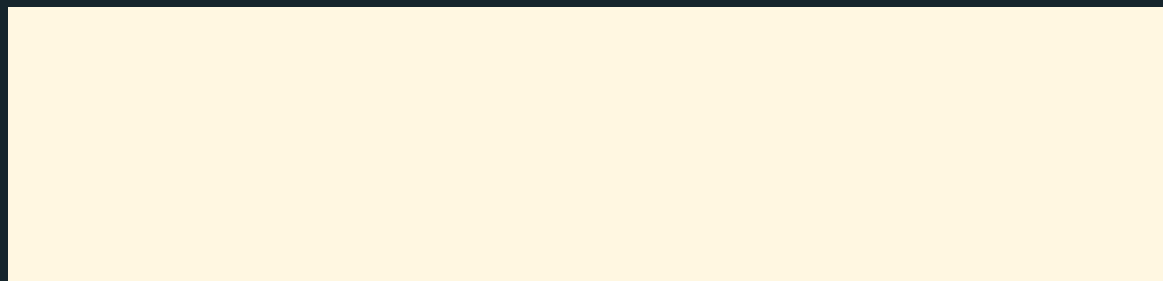
Close your time together today praying for each other and asking God to work in the hearts and lives of the participants so that they may share out of the overflow of their personal walk with Him.



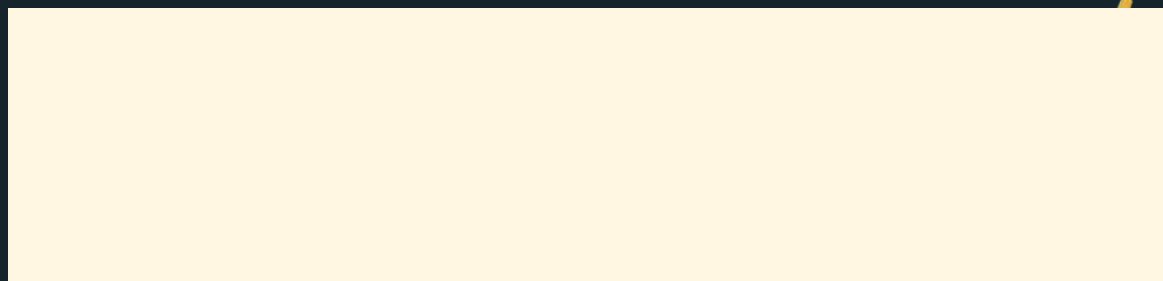


SPIRITUAL VITALITY QUESTIONS

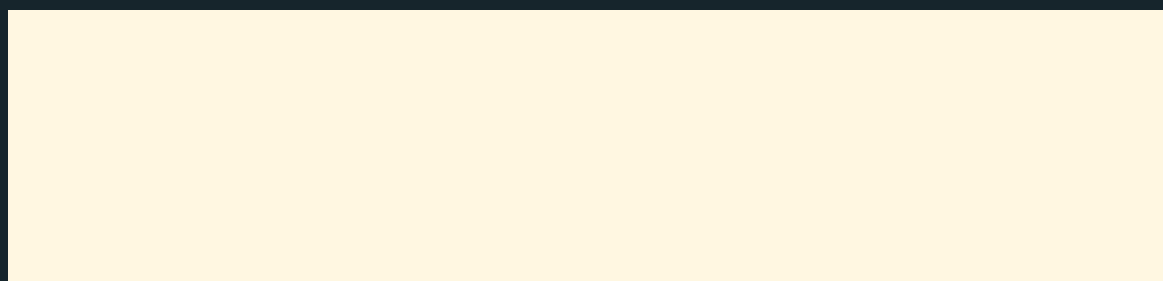
WHAT IS CURRENTLY WORKING WHEN IT COMES TO
YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST RIGHT NOW?



WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO IMPROVE WHEN
THINKING ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST?



HOW IS YOUR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST
EITHER ENCOURAGING YOU OR DISCOURAGING YOU
FROM SHARING HOPE WITH THE PERSON OR PEOPLE
GOD HAS PLACED IN YOUR CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE?



AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS

MONTH TWO

CONNECT:

Take a minute to catch up with everyone today!

CELEBRATE:

Share how you were intentional in your relationships with someone in your circle of influence since our last meeting. Were there any opportunities to share hope as a result of your intentionality?

EXPLORE:

Today we are going to focus on authentic relationships in your life.

Our goal today is to help you examine if you are being real and reflecting Christ in your everyday relationships with your family, co-workers, neighbors, acquaintances, etc. We will work to understand that if we are living hypocritically in these relationships we won't be able to share hope with the lost.

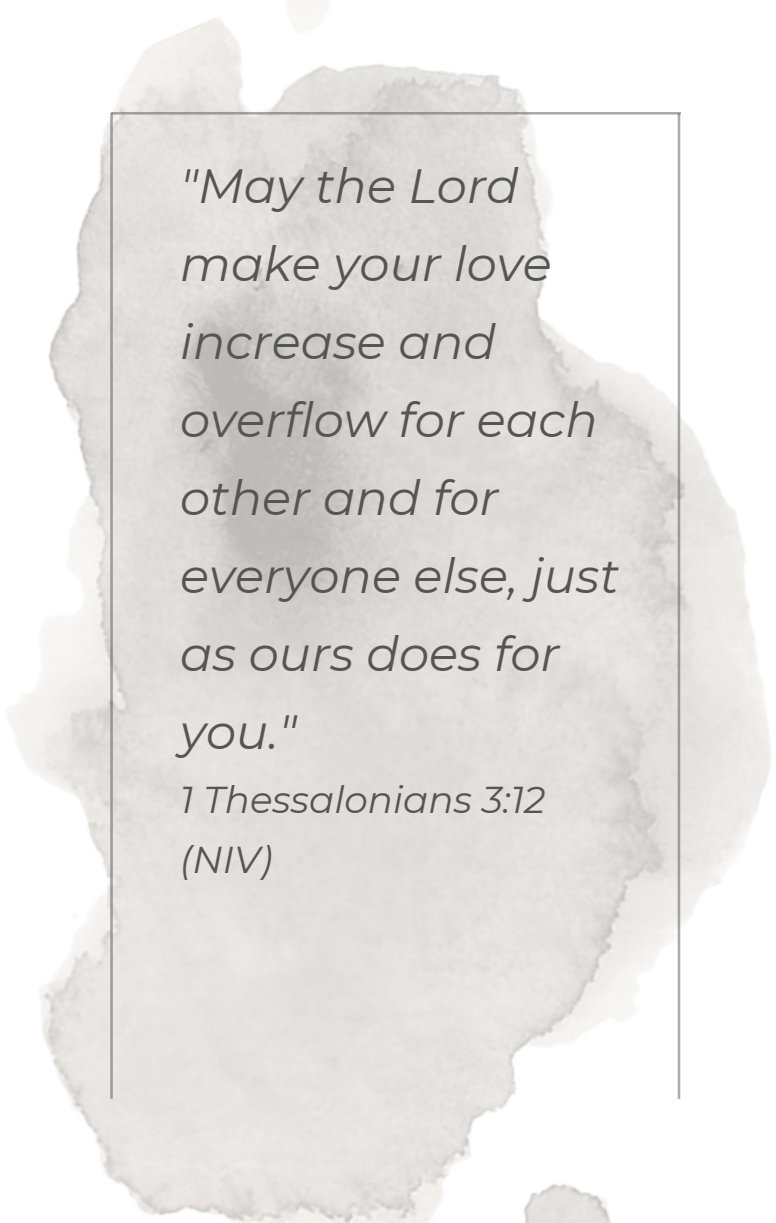
Turn to the Relationship Review exercise and answer the following questions:

1. What relationship is the most challenging for you in your life right now?

2. How is that relationship causing you to not reflect Christ?

3. Which behaviors/attitudes/actions in this relationship would you be embarrassed for someone to see who you are trying to share hope with?

4. What can you do differently in this relationship over the next month?



*"May the Lord
make your love
increase and
overflow for each
other and for
everyone else, just
as ours does for
you."*

*1 Thessalonians 3:12
(NIV)*

- What is working in these relationships when it comes to sharing hope with others?
- Where is there room for improvement?
- What could you do differently in your relationships as you partner together to advance the gospel?

CAPTURE:

What is something you learned or discovered today that is important or helpful for you?

ACT:

How is God asking me to be real and reflect him in my most challenging relationship over the next month? Write down your answer here.

PRAY:

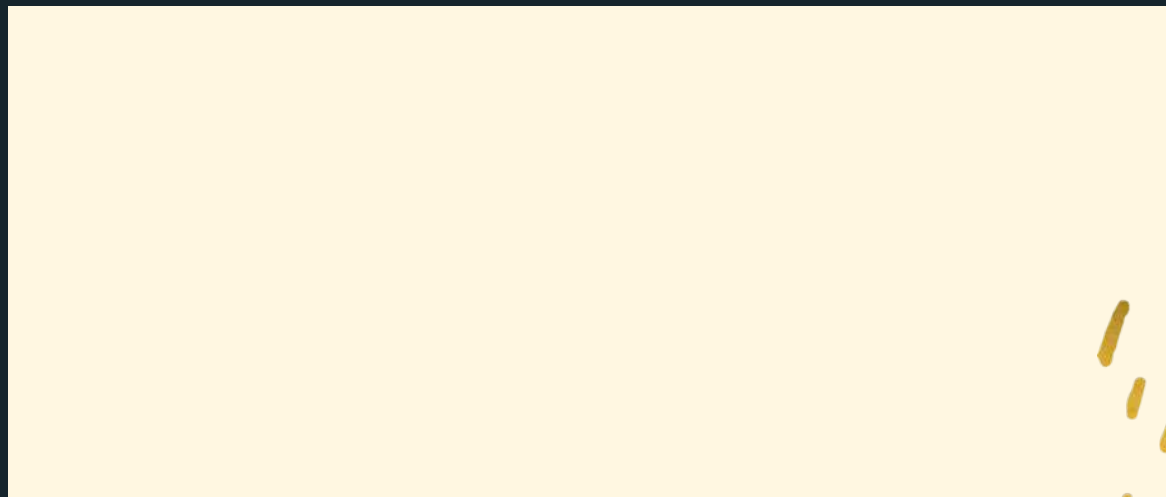
Take time to pray specifically that God will strengthen those relationships that were mentioned today and give us what we need to reflect Him to others in our life.





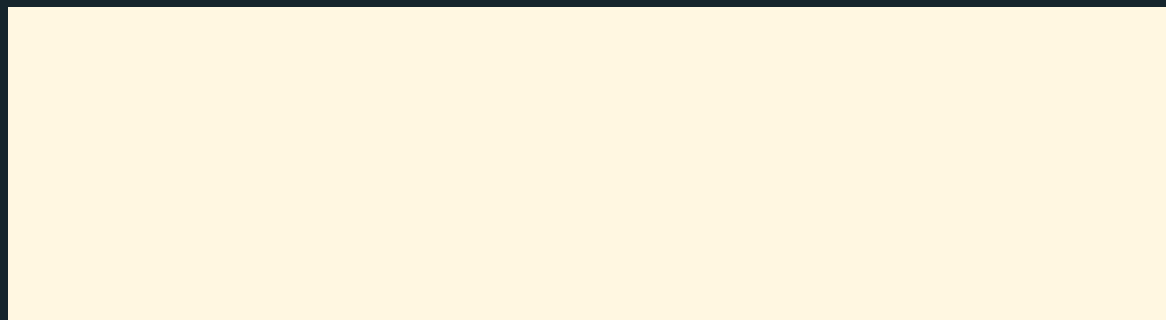
RELATIONSHIP REVIEW

1. MAKE A LIST OF THOSE YOU ARE IN RELATIONSHIP WITH IN YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE. THIS SHOULD BE FAMILY, CLOSE FRIENDS, CO-WORKERS, ETC. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT YOU “DO LIFE” WITH ON A REGULAR BASIS.



2. NOW BESIDE THE LIST YOU MADE ABOVE, GO BACK AND IF THE RELATIONSHIP IS ONE IN YOUR LIFE THAT MAKES IT EASY FOR YOU TO ACT AND LOOK LIKE JESUS PUT A + SIGN BESIDE THAT NAME. IF IT IS A RELATIONSHIP THAT IS CHALLENGING OR OFTEN CAUSES YOU TO NOT ACT CHRIST LIKE PUT A – SIGN BESIDE THEIR NAME.

3. WRITE DOWN IN THIS SPACE THE NAME(S) OF THE PERSON(S) WHO IS THE MOST CHALLENGING FOR YOU TO REFLECT CHRIST AND WHY.



EMPOWERED TEAMWORK

MONTH THREE

CONNECT:

Open today's meeting by catching up with each other and ask someone to open in prayer.

CELEBRATE:

Share how you were able to be authentic in their most challenging relationship over the last month. How did this lead to you being able to share hope with others in your circle of influence?

EXPLORE:

This month we will be talking about working together for Kingdom advancement. God has gifted us with relationships to partner together in with our spouse, friends, coworkers, and church members.

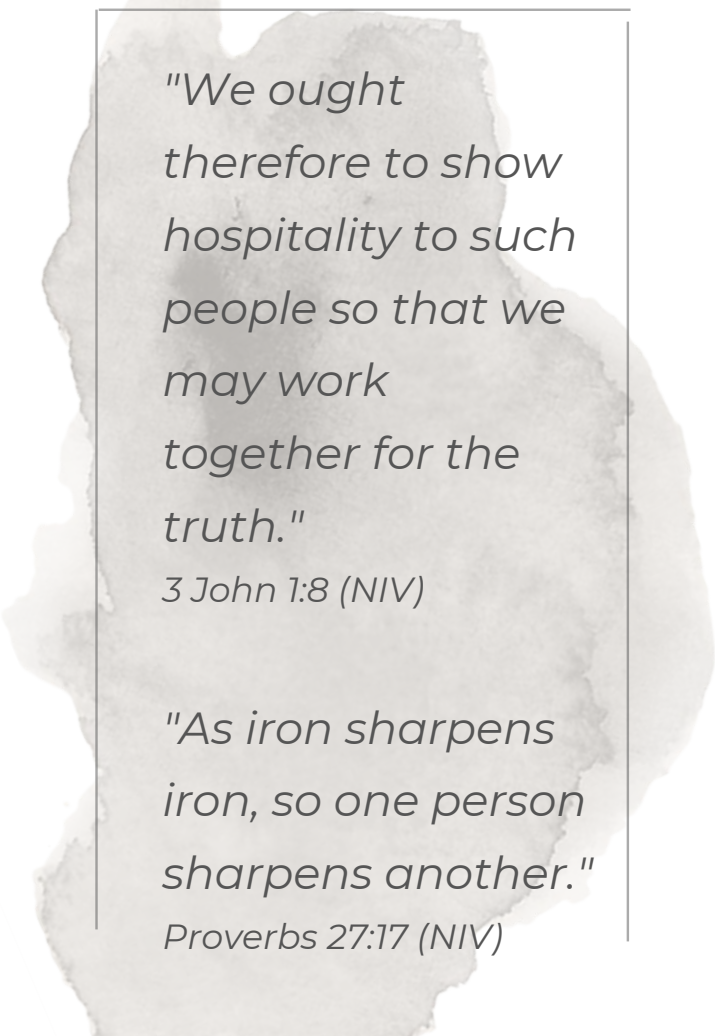
Today's meeting will help us recognize who we are partnering with in advancing the gospel, the unique contribution we bring to the partnership, and ways that we can keep growing in those relationships.

Turn to the "Empowered Teamwork" page in your booklet. Read the instructions and think through the

relationships and spheres of influence where God has placed you.

After time is up be prepared to answer the following questions from the exercise and share with your triad:

- Who is on your team?
- How do you partner/serve alongside the people you mentioned to advance the kingdom? In other words, what is your unique contribution that you bring to the team?



"We ought therefore to show hospitality to such people so that we may work together for the truth."

3 John 1:8 (NIV)

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

- What is working in these relationships when it comes to sharing hope with others?
- Where is there room for improvement?
- What could you do differently in your relationships as you partner together to advance the gospel?

CAPTURE:

What is something new you discovered or learned based on your answers today?

ACT:

Pick one relationship that you identified today and ask yourself what do you need to do differently to partner with that person over the next month for greater gospel advancement?

PRAY:

Spend time in prayer today, specifically asking God to strengthen the partnerships in your life. Ask God to use you and the unique contribution you bring to the partnership to advance His kingdom in the days ahead.





EMPOWERED TEAMWORK

IN THE COLUMN BELOW LIST
ALL OF THE PEOPLE ON
YOUR TEAM. EXAMPLES
INCLUDE SPOUSE, FRIENDS,
COWORKERS, CHURCH
MEMBERS, ETC.

IN THIS COLUMN ANSWER
THE FOLLOWING QUESTION,
"HOW DO I PARTNER WITH
THIS PERSON TO ADVANCE
THE KINGDOM"?

IN THIS COLUMN LIST WHAT
IS WORKING, WHAT NEEDS
IMPROVEMENT, AND WHAT
YOU COULD DO
DIFFERENTLY IN THIS
RELATIONSHIP AS YOU
PARTNER TOGETHER TO
ADVANCE THE GOSPEL.

ACCOUNTABLE INTEGRITY

MONTH FOUR

CONNECT:

Open today's meeting by catching up with each other and ask if someone will pray.

CELEBRATE:

Share how you shared hope with someone in your circle of influence over the last month.

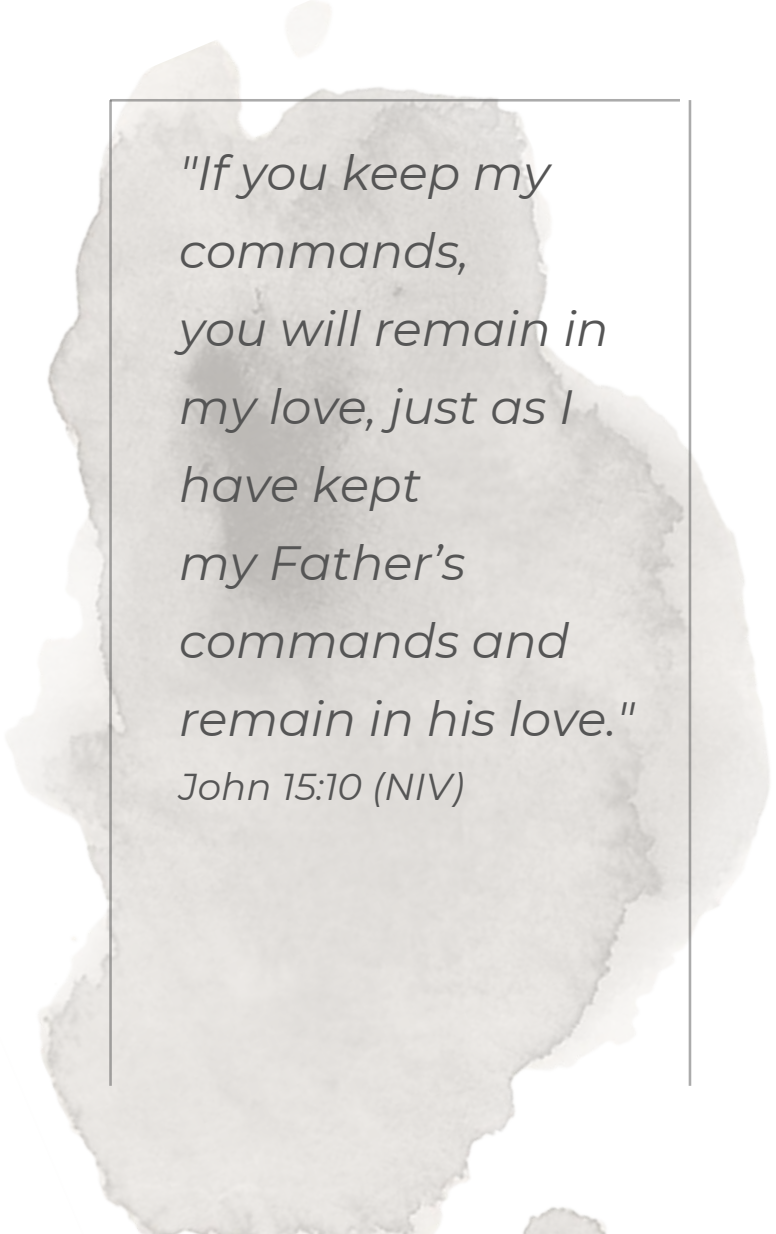
*We will ask this type of question at the beginning of each month. Collect stories and write them down of how the participants in your group are seeing life transformation with the people in their circle of influence.

EXPLORE:

Turn to the "Checklist" page in the book and think through the following questions:

1. "Which of the following might be areas that you struggle with in your life right now?"
2. "How are the behaviors you mentioned above potentially stopping you from sharing hope in the roles/relationships you are a part of?"
3. "What would it look like for you to have someone come alongside you and hold you accountable when you find yourself falling into these habits, patterns, etc.?"

Turn to the "Accountable Integrity" page of the booklet. Fill out the page and be prepared to share your responses with your group.



*"If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love."
John 15:10 (NIV)*

CAPTURE:

What is something new you discovered or learned based on your answers today?

ACT:

What do you need to do differently over the next month that will allow you to be honest and responsible in the roles/relationships in your circle of influence? How will that help you as you share hope with others?

PRAY:

Pray and ask God to give you an accountability partner in your life who will ask the hard questions to help you share hope in a real and authentic way in the months to come.



CHECKLIST

LOOK AT THE LIST BELOW AND CHECK ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE AN AREA OF STRUGGLE FOR YOU RIGHT NOW

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unconfessed Sin | <input type="checkbox"/> Arrogance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Habits | <input type="checkbox"/> Seeking Justice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tension in Relationships | <input type="checkbox"/> Laziness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guilt | <input type="checkbox"/> Busyness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Destructive Mindsets | <input type="checkbox"/> Disobedience in a specific area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not following through on commitments | <input type="checkbox"/> Anger |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serving in the wrong role | <input type="checkbox"/> Unforgiving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jealousy | <input type="checkbox"/> Combative spirit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gossip | <input type="checkbox"/> Bitterness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pride | |

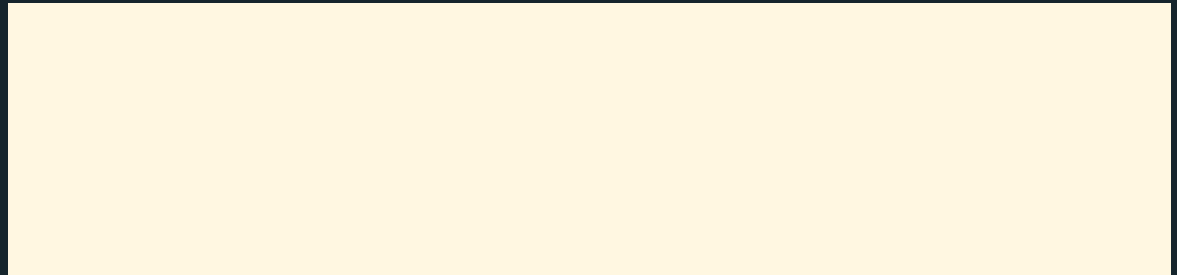




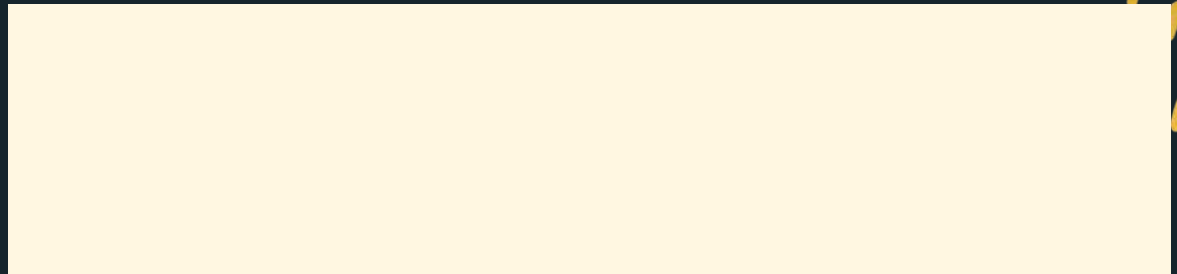
ACCOUNTABLE INTEGRITY

ANSWER EACH QUESTION IN THE BOX BELOW AND BE PREPARED TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND ANSWERS WITH THE GROUP.

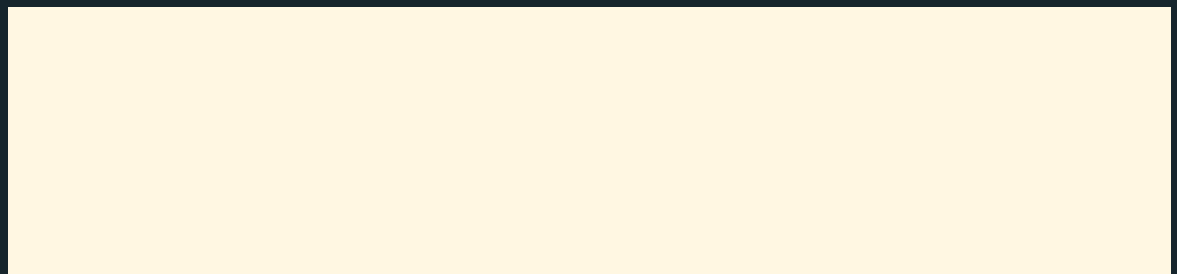
WHO WOULD BE AN EFFECTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY PARTNER FOR YOU IN YOUR CURRENT SEASON OF LIFE?



WHAT DO YOU NEED FROM YOUR ACCOUNTABILITY PARTNER?



WHAT WILL YOU ASK THEM TO DO FOR YOU?

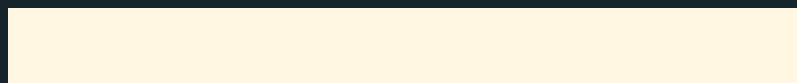


I WILL ASK



TO COME ALONGSIDE ME AS MY ACCOUNTABILITY

PARTNER BY



INNOVATIVE EXCELLENCE

MONTH FIVE

CONNECT:

Open today's meeting by catching up with each other and ask someone to open in prayer.

CELEBRATE:

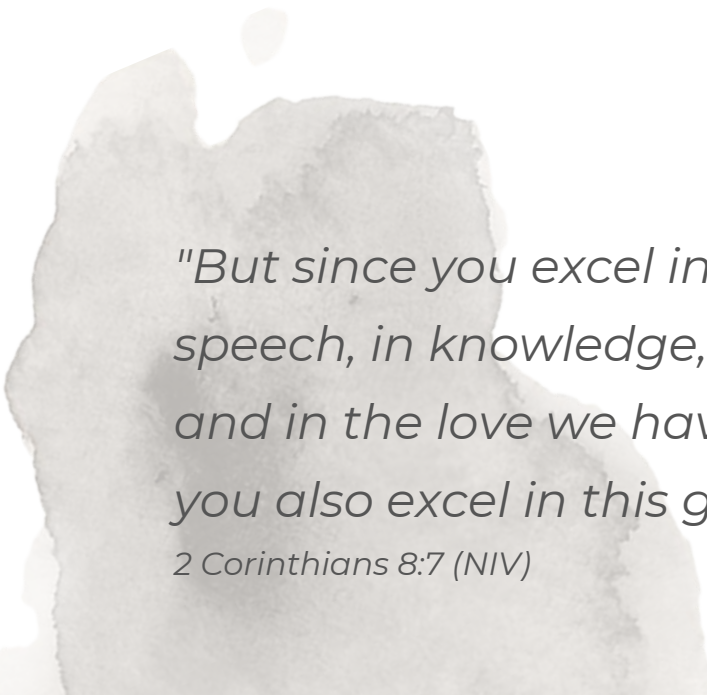
Share how you were honest and responsible in the roles/relationships in your circle of influence over the past month. How did that help you as you shared hope with others?

EXPLORE:

Turn to the Innovative Excellence page in the booklet and take a few minutes to complete the exercise.

CAPTURE:

What is something new you discovered or learned based on your answers today?



"But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)

ACT:

What is one specific way God is asking you to use your unique talents, natural abilities, or personality to impact lostness around you over the next month?

PRAY:

Pray and ask God to give you the courage and faith to take the first step of obedience to use your gifts and talents to advance His Kingdom.



INNOVATIVE EXCELLENCE

Answer each question in the box below and be prepared to share your thoughts and answers with the group.

What is something people often tell you/point out to you that you are good at doing?

How would you answer the question, "What is God's unique purpose for your life?"

Use this space to "think outside the box". From your answers surrounding this space what natural gifts, abilities, unique talents, and personality traits do you possess that could be used for kingdom impact? What is something new you sense God is asking you to do to share hope with others in your circle of influence?

If you could try something new to share hope with others and were guaranteed it/you would not fail what would you do?

Imagine yourself at the end of your life looking back. Is there something you know God is asking you to do that would cause regret if you never took the risk of doing what He asked?

GLOBAL GOSPEL ADVANCE MONTH SIX

CONNECT:

Take a minute or two to greet everyone and pray to get things started today.

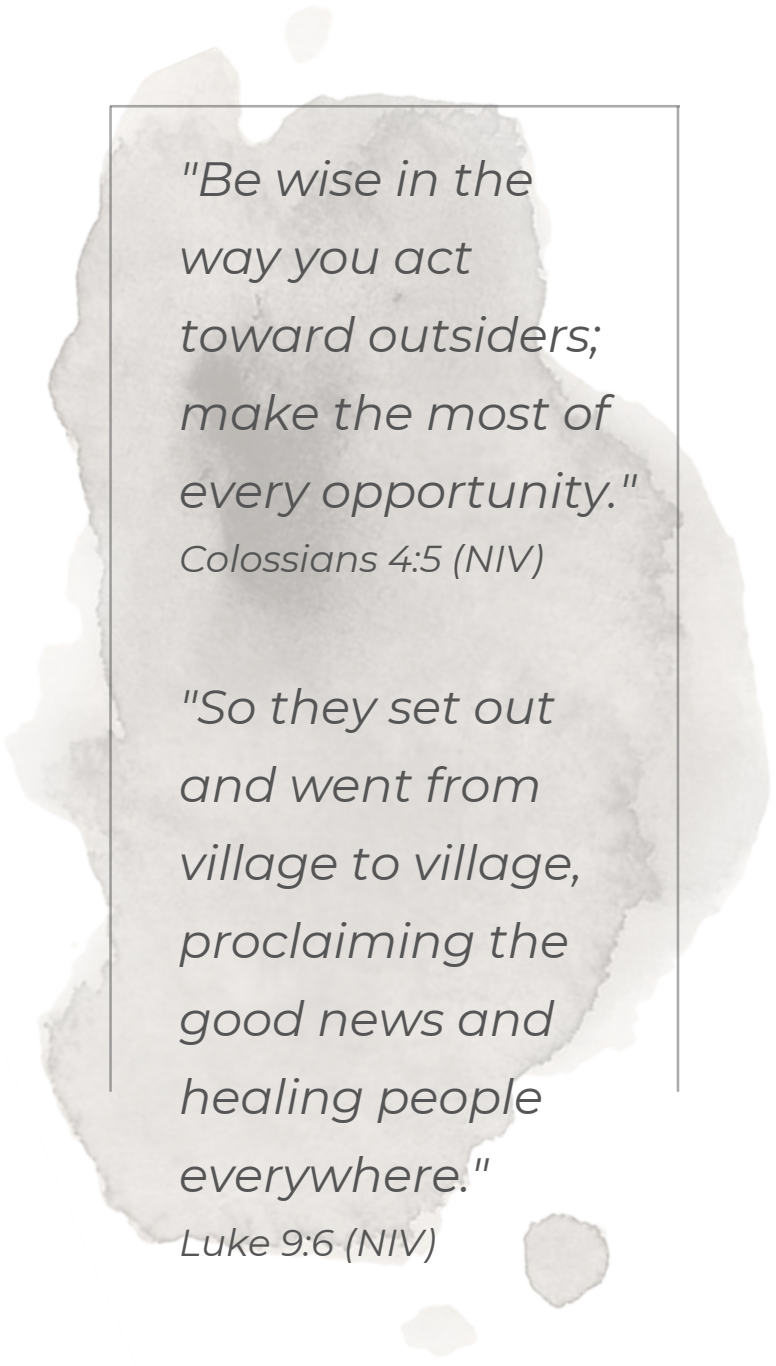
CELEBRATE:

Share how you used your unique talents, natural abilities, or personality to impact lostness around you over the past month?

EXPLORE:

Today we will celebrate the opportunities we have had to share hope over the past 6 months and also think through who you can invite to be a part of a triad experience over the next 6 months.

Turn to the Global Gospel Advance exercise in your booklet. This exercise will help you understand the impact you will have in their circle of influence as you step out and invite others to be a part of a Coaching Collaborative Triad.



"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity."
Colossians 4:5 (NIV)

"So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere."
Luke 9:6 (NIV)

CAPTURE:

What is something you learned or discovered today that is important or helpful for you?

ACT:

What do you sense God is asking you to do over the next 6 months in light of what we learned/discussed today?

PRAY:

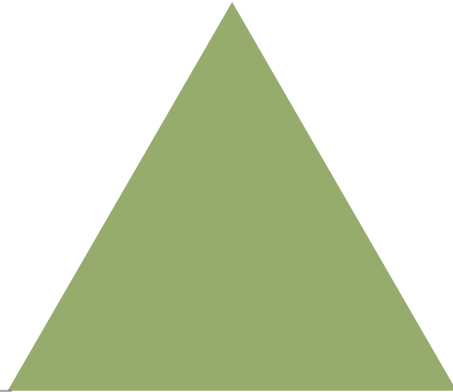
Close today's session by praying and thanking God for opening doors to share hope with others. Pray that you would continue to share hope and encourage others to join you in advancing the Kingdom.

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit."*

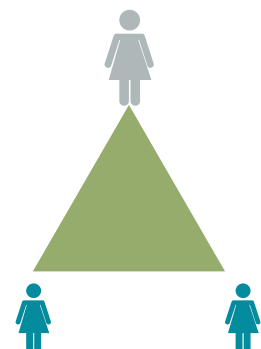
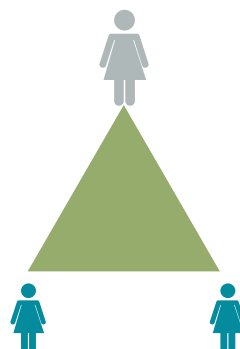
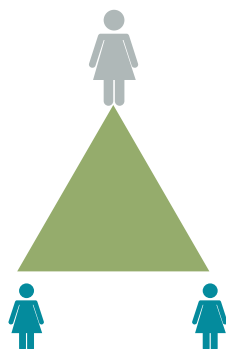
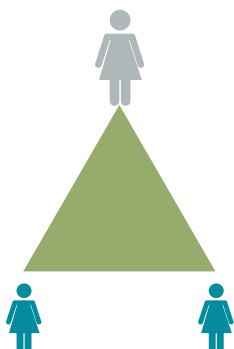
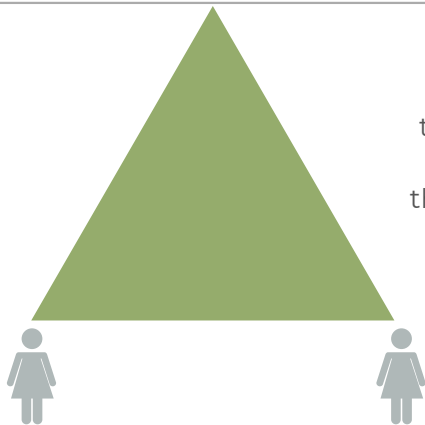
Matthew 28:19 (NIV)

GLOBAL GOSPEL ADVANCE

Around this triangle, write your name at the top and then write the names of two people you could invite to be a part of your triad over the next 6 months at the bottom of the triangle.



For these next two triangles put the names of the ladies you will invite (from the bottom of the triangle above) at the top of each triangle. If you know who they might invite to join them when they lead a triad, add those names to the figures at the bottom of the triangles.



Now, if each stick figure were to multiply and start a triad this is what it would look like! In one year's time, because of your obedience, **at least** how many women will have the opportunity to grow in their understanding of how to impact lostness in their circle of influence? _____
Hint: Add up your name, the names of the people you invite, and the different colored stick figures to find your answer.



Thank you for participating in the SCBC Coaching Collaborative! My prayer is that you finished with a sharpened focus of your purpose, a greater hunger for authentic relationships, and an identifiable intensity for those within your sphere to move from death to life.

I would love to hear how God is using you within your sphere of influence. If you would like to share your story, please email me at melanieratcliffe@scbaptist.org.

If you would like to facilitate Coaching Collaborative triads in your church, please sign up for our next Coaching Collaborative training session at www.scbaptist.org/share.

Praying God's blessing over you and your ministry!

