

# OUTWARDS LIVING PLAN

## **STEP 1: MAKE GENUINE FRIENDS WITH UNBELIEVERS**

- Think relatives, neighbors, colleagues, those with shared interests in your current rhythm of life. God has placed you!
- Prioritize a few people and make it your aim to become a brilliant friend.
- Pray for them.

*No friends? Think about rhythms of life:*

- a) Gym, hairdresser, out walking, etc.
- b) Hobby: running club / walking club / dog / kids sports team
- C) Meals: 21 per week

## **STEP 2: NATURALLY ENGAGE ON SPIRITUAL THINGS**

- Let these friends know you are a Christian, in a natural, unforced way.
- Live an attractive, authentic life, not perfect, but not high maintenance.
- Be honest about your struggles: don't hold out Christianity as a self-improvement scheme. Share how your faith helps you.
- Listen to your friend's problems; maybe offer to pray for them.
- Ask about their faith, and just listen. You might say, "Are you a person of faith? What does that look like for you?" If they say, "I don't believe in God" say, "Tell me more about that" Don't show disapproval if you disagree with what they believe. Ask questions and listen with interest. This is what friends do! It is also an expression of love, respect and humility, and it will help you understand them better. It may also mean that in due course they are more open to hearing your view of faith.

## **STEP 3: DRAW PEOPLE INTO YOUR CHURCH COMMUNITY**

- Informally socially, or more formally socially, e.g., interest groups (book club, sport)
- Can freeload on others' friendships. Fish as a team.

## **STEP 4: PERSONAL AND PUBLIC PROCLAMATION**

- **Personal:** Prepare and use personal tools:
  - a) Personal testimony: 30 sec and 3 min versions. Keep it real. Share how your faith helps you; e.g., stress, fear, drivenness.
  - b) Learn 2-4 ways to frame the Gospel
  - c) A stash of resources to give: "This helped me.", "I would be interested to see what you think of this."
- **Public:** Think what's first: Social action or Introducing God course? Sunday? Particular preacher or series?

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Fold here to make a handy reminder display of our goals for your fridge or desk!  
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## **OUR 2016 GOALS**

- 1 Invite at least one unbeliever to our Easter Service.**  
(i.e. "A tradition we have is to go to church on Easter and then eat together, and we would love you to join us.", "Kids have a blast.", "We've got this new pommie pastor who I am still working out; would love your perspective.")
- 2 Have a couple of friendships developing nicely by the fall.**  
This gives our church a chance to gear up in a few areas.