

# Passing on a Passion For the Lost

## **Instructor's Guide**

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## PASSING ON A PASSION FOR THE UNCHURCHED

The table below identifies each module section, the time allotted for each section, and a brief description of the section's objective. When you are familiar with this module, you may want to teach from this page rather than the detailed information.

### MODULE AT A GLANCE

SECTION	TIME	PAGE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
I. Module Introduction	5 mins.	5	·Introduce module, objectives, outline.
II. Lecture	25 mins.	6	·Facilitator shares ways to share the passion for the unchurched with others.
III. Small Group Activity	25 mins.	10	·Facilitator leads discussion of ways to share the passion in your heart.
IV. Module Wrap-up	5 mins.		·Close the module with your final comments regarding the topic.
Total Module Time: 60 mins.			

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## PREPARATION CHECKLIST

The following information will help you prepare to instruct this module.

- Review the material and make notes of specific areas for special emphasis.
- Check to insure the following materials are available:
  - Powerpoint presentations/transparencies (transparency masters can be produced from the Powerpoint slides)
  - participant booklet (copy as needed)
- Gather the following materials:
  - transparency markers
  - pens &/or pencils
  - other material you want to use
- Make copies of the following material (one for each participant):
  - participant booklet
  - handouts (if used with this module)
- Check the classroom for:
  - TV/VCR (if necessary)
  - overhead projector
  - chalkboard or flip chart
  - sufficient number of tables and chairs for the participants.



Arrange the room so that each church team sits around an individual table and you have ample room to move among the teams.

Your instructor's material contains the following icons:



Special instructions or suggestions



Time suggestions



PowerPoint Presentation with its corresponding number

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## I. MODULE INTRODUCTION (5 Minutes)



Distribute Participant Material

Let the participants know the material is theirs to keep and encourage them to take notes. The participant material includes:

- purpose
- objectives
- “fill in the blanks” for the lecture
- application exercises

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Slide #1

*The purpose of this module is to present ways we can effectively help others increase their passion for the lost..*

*The objective for this module is:*

- To present ways we can effectively help others increase their passion for the lost.*

Review the process for this module

- Introduction..... 5 mins.
- Lecture ..... 25 mins.
- Small Group Activity..... 25 mins.
- Module Wrap-up..... 5 mins.

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## II. LECTURE (30 Minutes)

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### **To ignite passion for the unchurched in the hearts of others, we can imitate what Jesus did to inspire passion for the lost in His disciples.**

Looking to Jesus as our model is always a good idea. Living a sinless and perfect life in the midst of a sinful and very imperfect world, Jesus shows us who God would have us be in every way. In working with His disciples, Jesus not only called them to follow Him, but He challenged them to stretch and grow beyond what they had ever been before. Here are a few of the things Jesus did to inspire passion in His disciples.

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#### **1. He kept His Father's mission clear.**

Over and over, Jesus kept His purpose and mission foremost in His sight. When Satan came to tempt Him, Jesus could have lost sight of the reason He came. He did not. He kept true to His purpose. He kept His Father's mission clear.

As He was teaching His disciples, both by His actions and His words, Jesus passionately and continually shared His clear awareness of His mission: "...*The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost,*" (Luke 19:10).

Christ looked for opportunities to present the mission. In His actions and in His teaching, He inspired His followers toward His vision.

A few years back, the rage in the business world was to develop mission statements. Many churches saw the wisdom in the effort too, designing their own statements of purpose. In hindsight, many of these statements were obviously too lengthy--too long to possibly be remembered. What we cannot remember, cannot shape us.

For this reason, instead of a lengthy mission or purpose statement, one church summarized its mission with this simple motto,

*"Together . . . Finding the Lost, Building the Found."*

The words appear in bulletins, newsletters and on the PowerPoint presentations in the services. Seldom a report goes to the congregation or board that does not include the words. Over and over again, we imitate what Jesus did. *He kept His Father's mission clear.*

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## **2. He modeled and required a rock-solid commitment.**

Along with keeping the mission before His followers, Jesus modeled what He preached. His commitment to the task was unfailing. When the opportunities to touch lives for God presented themselves, He seized them. When difficulties blocked His path, He found another way to keep moving forward. His commitment was rock-solid.

A rock-solid commitment is a powerful tool that will challenge and inspire those who want to make a difference in life. Frank Harrington tells of three recruiters from the Army, Navy and Marine Corps who were scheduled to address high school seniors. Each recruiter was to speak for fifteen minutes. The first two speakers went overtime. When the Marine Corps recruiter rose to speak, he had only two minutes left. He stood silently looking at the group a full sixty seconds using up half his time before he spoke.

Then, he said, "I doubt whether there are two or three of you in this room who could even cut it in the Marine Corps. But I want to see those two or three immediately in the dining hall when we are dismissed." He turned and sat down.

Not surprisingly, a huge number of students poured in to discover more about becoming a Marine. That recruiter knew the power of asking for a rock-solid commitment. He knew calling for a nearly unreachable goal will challenge and appeal to the very brightest and best (Leadership, Spring 1998, 73).

Phillips Brooks said, "A person who lives right, and is right, has more power in his silence than another has by words" (Draper's Quotations for the Christian World, 3428). The example of a rock-solid commitment will challenge others to a similar level of passion.

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## **3. He involved his followers in doing ministry.**

They just returned from a Saturday morning project. Several church members had gone to help an elderly lady clean accumulated junk off her front porch and to cut down a huge stand of weeds surrounding her house. Several visited me after the event. Each told

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of the three snakes they encountered and the huge load of stuff they hauled off.

Noticeably, they all came in with a huge smile and with the attitude of one who spoke for them all, *“I’m sure glad we did that.”*

The experience of doing ministry inspires. Doing ministry is different from discussing ministry. Doing ministry has to wrestle with difficulties, hindrances and barriers. Doing ministry has to overcome fears and inconveniences. Doing ministry is different.

Jesus knew the difference between discussing ministry and doing ministry. That’s why once He had assembled His disciples together, instead of hosting a seminar, Jesus immediately

*“...sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick”* (Luke 9:2).

What was Jesus doing? He was involving His followers in doing ministry. Someone said, “He who is pulling on the oars seldom has time to rock the boat.” Those heavily involved in ministering rarely have the time or inclination to become critical.

*“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says”* (James 1:22).

When we do the work of ministry, we discover a whole new dynamic. Doing ministry inspires.

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#### **4. Through the Holy Spirit, He moved into their hearts.**

Jesus knew the essential need to move into the hearts of His followers. Apart from an indwelling presence, the disciples would remain inconsistent and mostly ineffective. So, Jesus told them in advance that He would depart and the Holy Spirit would take his place.

*“But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you”* (John 14:26).

The Holy Spirit can move into the hearts of others. We can help those around us find the inner power and strength the Holy Spirit provides. The Holy Spirit ignites a fire and passion.

The disciples most effective days came after they were filled with the Holy Spirit. The New Testament book of “Acts” (as in the “Acts of the Apostles,”) could be called the “Acts of the Spirit-

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filled Apostles.” When the Holy Spirit fills the hearts of God’s believers, our passion and effectiveness dramatically increase.

## **Conclusion**

Passion may show itself by a rousing enthusiasm. In others, passion may be revealed in a quiet but unswerving commitment to keep moving forward. Passion for the unchurched may reveal itself in different folks in all kinds of ways. But, until we possess a passion, a genuine concern for those who don’t yet know Jesus, we won’t make the sacrifices necessary to win them to Christ.

Do you have a passion for those who don’t yet know Jesus?

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### **SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY**

What are some ways we can ensure that we keep our Father's mission clear in our day-to-day lives?

In what areas of my life do I have the opportunity to model a superior level of commitment? Am I doing it? How can I improve?

What ministry opportunities am I currently involved in? Where do possibilities exist for me to increase my ministry?

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