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Let us look at 6

## **/// 6-1 /// BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH UNBELIEVERS**

### **1) Growing Men for God**

There are 17 million more women believers than men believers in the USA.  
In China it is worse. In Ukraine about 85% are women (in all denominations together).  
In most other countries the situation is similar.  
Building relationships with unbelieving men is crucial.

### **\_\_\_2) Jesus worked with men.**

Men are the *Missing Ingredient*.

Men Hate Going to Church.

Ask around and you'll find that the majority of men from non-church backgrounds were not saved in a church building but in the out-of-doors. Men do not like to go to church. Men will not come to church!

So we need to focus on men in another way.

Let us look at what Jesus did.

Jesus started out by looking for men **out-of-doors**.

He met men in the wilderness, on the seashore, in financial business offices, and on the farm land.

Jesus made contact with men and got them interested in spending *more time* with Him.

Jesus was able to have men *like* Him and somehow men *wanted to be with* Him.

That is precisely what we need to do.

Like Jesus we need to go to men.

Like Jesus we need to find men **Out-Of-Doors**.

Like Jesus we need to find a hobby or a job part-time that will relate to other men.

Like Jesus we must remember that most men get saved **OUTSIDE** — not inside.

— Men like — fishing, boating, hiking, shashlik.

Like Jesus we should lead small groups of unbelievers.

Jesus led several of them. Let me mention 3 of them.

1. In a rich businessman's home — mafia type.
2. In the home of a false theologian — who did not believe in life after death.
3. In an ordinary workman's home — for friends and neighbors. (see lecture 07.GL8-0C\_Growing leaders for God)

Jesus did not just give us the Great Commission — "Work with unbelievers and make disciples."

No Jesus actually **demonstrated** it. He did it Himself.

Then when he departed for heaven He said **"DO AS I HAVE DONE." Follow my example!**

Lead Bible studies with groups of unbelievers.

So I am asking you to Do What Jesus Did, Grow Men for God

In Ukraine when we win ladies to Christ the men won't follow.

The men don't come. And most families that do come, drift away.

But when men are won to Christ, women and families usually follow and stay!!!

Percentages of parents and other siblings saved through children who repented is only 3%. When ladies are saved only 17-20% of their husbands and children follow them spiritually;

But when Men are born again 90-93% of their families come to Christ. So let's focus on MEN now. (see brochure 12.EV1-0C\_New Life for MEN

Men will not come to church or to a Bible study unless you personally build a relationship with them in some outdoors activity.

*I am looking for men who want to find 3 men and start an Activity -Fellowship.*

This can be: Snowmobiling, horse riding, skiing, hiking, mountain climbing, hunting, fishing, boating, + a 1,000 others; soccer and other kinds of sports activities, or working on a project together.

### **3) A Fishing Story**

Vitaly is a young church planter in an extremely strong Catholic area. Some of the men do not even want to be in the same room with him when he visits. After about 2 years he and his friend got a minibus full of these men to go fishing *with* them while they fished for them. They drove 200 km to a nice river. It rained all day and they caught nothing. Naturally they were discouraged on the way home and had the question. *“God we tried so hard to reach these men. Couldn’t you have made a bit better arrangements?”* But when they arrived back in their town and unloaded, the men were excited about the event. The unbelievers said: “This was wonderful. Can we do it again?” They requested to go again another time. No one was saved, but relationships were built. To them it had been a beautiful time of clean fellowship--something they were not used to, and the door for further ministry was opened, and Jesus was shown powerful and desirable.

But let me explain the blessings that are in store for you.

Big blessings are awaiting pastors who will personally work with MEN.

If a pastor and 2 other close church leaders will personally work with MEN, they can each win 3 MEN to Christ in a year through an outdoor activity.

Three MEN each in one year totals 9.

Nine new MEN believing and being baptized.

Nine MEN added to your church.

And what about next year, and the year after that?

If God gave you as the pastor and 2 other brothers the grace to do this for 3 years a miracle would happen.

### **4) A Miracle waiting to happen**

Look: **/// 6-2a /// Chart on church growth:**

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*Look at this following example:*

3 pastors and elders each leading 3 MEN to Christ. That makes 9.

Then the next year 9 again and the third year 9, that makes 27 new MEN in your church.

MEN have a natural attraction to women and women a natural attraction to men, so later these MEN will bring their wives. That makes 54 new people attending your church, plus children.

### **Wow, that is a miracle**

But I have more.

Notice that we are not asking the church members to participate.

We do not look to any members for help.

We don't even **want** their help!

We only counted 3 church leaders.

We did not ask for much time involvement.

Only **one** evening, two hours or so per week.

It costs almost nothing.

And it can be done anywhere locally, even in the smallest village.

Brothers! Three years from now many of you can almost double the members in your church.

Look at that -- Spiritual success in just 3 short years.

That is God's miracle. God has set an open door before you.

### **5) Join the miracle**

We are looking for commitment — Jesus is not much interested in hearers, He is looking for doers. It will call for a *commitment*. It will call for *caring* about these MEN and their souls. It will call for prayer and intercession for them. And then building the relationships by regular contact.

Now complete the questionnaire and discuss the decisions you have made with your deacons. Ask for prayer and discuss how you will begin. Then use this slip to share with others.

So now we will pass out a small slip for you to fill out and return.

/// 6-3a /// The slip says: "YES"... I want to commit myself to leading a Bible study group with unbelievers. *Circle*... "YES" ... if this expresses your desire.

/// 6-3b /// "Yes, I want to reach 3 men by personally getting involved with them through an outdoor activity. I am making a commitment to develop a personal relationship with 3 unbelieving men. *Circle*... "YES" ... if this expresses your desire.

State your city or town \_\_\_\_\_ and Your name \_\_\_\_\_

For further help special material on this topic may be requested from New Life for Churches. Ask for Lecture 13.BC6-0C\_Doubling Local church attendance