

OIKOS MAPPING

Oikos is the Greek word for household. One of the ways the gospel spreads so rapidly is through relational networks. This appears to be an intentional and strategic method used by both Jesus and the Apostles.

- John 1: 35-51
- Acts 10: 34-48
- Acts 16: 14-15, 30-33

We practice and immediately teach each new follower of Jesus to draw out an “Oikos Map” with names of people we know who are “far from God.” We include both those we know personally (with whom we will go and share our story and God’s story) and those we have incidental contact with (those “far from God” that we will teach our family and friends to share with as our family and friends follow Jesus).

We begin by drawing a bubble in the middle of a sheet of paper and putting our name in it. Then we draw connected bubbles around our bubble with the names of “far from God” people we know directly. We try to map as many people as we can.

Then we draw lines from these people to bubbles where we write down those they know. Finally we draw an empty bubble at the end of every stream of relationships to encourage continued prayer and sharing through the “generations.”

In order to create a broader oikos map, include places that you come in contact with often connected to your name, and work your way out from there.

