**HOPE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

**COURSE:** Relational Evangelism

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**NOW THAT YOU HAVE FINISHED, IT IS TIME TO START**

As we finish I want to recommend a new beginning for you.

You have been trained. You will get better at presenting the IAAR the more you do it. Remember: practice makes perfect.

You have a new heightened awareness and confidence. The challenge is to not let it cool off. Satan wants you to cool off and not use it. The worst thing that could happen now is that you put it all on a shelf and don’t use it.

DON’T LET IT HAPPEN!

So, here are some challenges I want to give you. There are people out there who need you. They need you to go and offer and share with them the Good News that can change their eternal destiny. Some of them are believers, too, who have never been taught well about their faith. Some of them are solid believers who have never been trained as you have to share the Good News. You can show them how to do that and help unleash them for the Lord. Many, many are unbelievers who have just never heard. Some are closed and not interested. Many are open and will listen.

Our job is to go.

Not all will want to listen.

Not all who listen will accept Jesus, but our job is to plant the seed when possible. There can be no growth without the seed being planted.

So now that you are prepared to go and offer and share, here is a CHALLENGE I want to give you for the rest of your life.

FIRST GOAL: Try to do one IAAR presentation each month.

That shouldn’t be that hard. That is one hour a week. Make a list of those you can do it with:

* Family
* Friends
* Other believers, home group people, Sunday School people, other leaders from your ministry area
* Neighbors
* Relatives
* Work/club/team members
* Casual acquaintances - be on the lookout for situations where you can visit with people, do FORM and make the offer.

Now most people don’t know enough unbelievers to be able to do IAAR with new ones every month. BUT most of you know a lot of Christians. And few of them ever had anyone sit down with them before they became a Christian and share the Gospel so clearly as presented in IAAR. So help them out. This will encourage them. Offer IAAR to them, too!

NOW THAT IS THE GOAL. Keep track of it. Pray about it. Seek out people. There will be months where you can’t. There will be illnesses, trips, emergencies, personal problems, others problems you will be involved in, etc. That is understandable. It happens to all of us. There will be some months where it just doesn’t work out. That is okay. But keep trying! And don’t overlook the people around you on trips, during crises, etc. You might find people in all situations who need to be offered the Good News. Don’t underestimate God working in any situation.

USE ME AS AN EXCUSE!

You have finished the course but in my book you will always be learning. So if you want to use me, your professor, as an excuse, you can continue (until you die) to use me as an excuse to offer the lessons to others. In my book, you are never done learning.

Some have found that it was pretty easy asking someone, “I need your help. I’m taking a course learning how to share four lessons with others. To complete it I need to practice them with someone and get their evaluation. Could you PLEASE help me finish?” (Then explain there are four lessons, etc.).

Doing this is evangelism or outreach to some; non-disciples (make disciples). For others this is “teaching disciples to observe all I have commanded.” It is helping them understand their faith better. This is laying the groundwork for the next goal which is showing those who are disciples that they can learn now to share the IAAR. too.

SECOND GOAL: Why not try to recruit a group of people every year to take the course and learn how to share the Gospel? You can reproduce yourself greatly for the Kingdom of God. It might be 2 to 20 people. You know people in your family, home group, Sunday School, people you do the IAAR with individually during the year, new Christians, etc. What if you could recruit a group a year for the rest of your life to take the training? What an impact that would have on the Kingdom and the lives of dozens to thousands as it keeps reproducing!

We MUST reproduce, train, and equip others for the Kingdom to expand.

Make and keep a running list of people you could invite to do so. Invite them to take the course. While they take the course, you could be their mentor and meet with them each week to pray with and for them and encourage and support them as they go through the eight weeks. Take the course with them. It would be another $50 but you can do that, it will be an investment in helping prepare and equip others. You will be doing the Threaded Discussions with them each week. That would add more support to them, too.

Think: Who can you invite to be part of your group? Others you have taken through the IAAR. Relatives, friends, and don’t overlook new Christians! Others in your home group or Sunday School class. Others in your area of ministry - children’s, youth, music, Celebrate Recovery, volunteers, church leaders, staff, elders, deacons, etc.

**A CHECK LIST - SEEKING TO DO ONE IAAR A MONTH.**

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CHECK - RECRUIT AND ENROLL ONE GROUP A YEAR TO TAKE THE IAAR TRAINING.

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