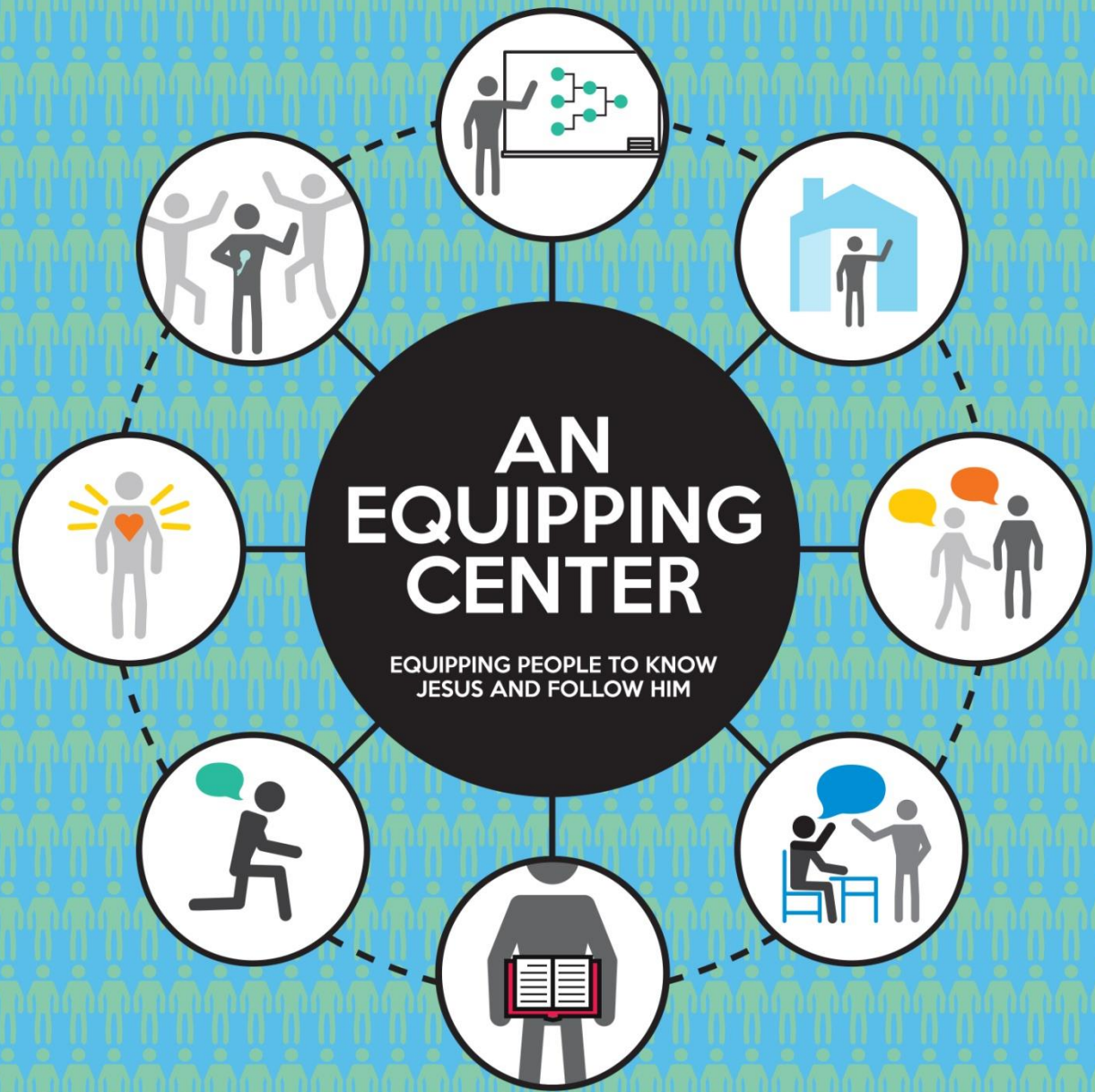



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Part 7: Witnessing



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Colossians 4:2-6, 12 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.



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(Colossians 4:2-6, 12 continued)**

⁵Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone...



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(Colossians 4:2-6, 12 continued)**

¹²Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.



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Ephesians 5:17-18 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.



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1 Kings 3:9 So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"



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1 Corinthians 2:14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.



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Romans 10:11-15 As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,¹³for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."¹⁴How, then,




C. Speak about Jesus. (Romans 10:11-15 continued)

can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?
¹⁵And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"



C. Speak about Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:8-10 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.



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2 Timothy 4:1-2 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:
2Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction.



D. Rest in the Lord and keep investing in relationships.

2 Timothy 4:16-18 At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed



D. Rest in the Lord and keep investing in relationships. (2 Timothy 4:16-18 continued)

and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.

¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen



**Share Christ
in the power
of the Holy Spirit and
leave the results to God.**



Application

- 1) Make a list of people who need to know Jesus and pray for them.**



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2) Be prepared for divine opportunities to speak. Be bold and courageous.