



# CoJourners Training Series : Level 1

## Week 1: Motivation

### Purpose:

To discover that our motivation to share the gospel is God's glory and His compassion for the lost.

### Preparation:

1. Download the first set of four "Heart Inspiration" cards.
2. Print out enough copies for everyone in the group

**Plan:** This first week you will cover the first two "Heart Inspiration" cards of the CoJourners Equipment Pack, **Ultimate Aim** and **Love in Action**.

1. **Read John 17:1-5** from the Bible
2. **Discuss** the first two "Discuss" on Ultimate Aim card
  - What was Jesus' ultimate aim in life?
  - How did he accomplish it?
3. **Read Matthew 9:36** from the Love in Action card
4. **Discuss** the two "Discuss" questions on the Love in Action card
  - What evidence shows your peers are "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd"?
  - Why do we fail to recognize the real needs in others' lives?
5. **Action Plan:**
  1. Pray as a group. Ask God to show each of one of you the real needs of others, especially the needs of others for the Shepherd.
  2. Each day this week, continue to pray that prayer individually.
  3. Read through each of the 4 "Heart Inspiration" cards once this week during your personal devotional time.

**Next Week:** You will be covering the other two cards on the sheet, **Unstoppable** and **Inner Strength**. Be sure to remind the group member to bring the sheet of the four cards back with them for the next week's Bible study training time.

## Ultimate Aim

COJOURNERS № 1.1 | MOTIVATION

Love compels witness—a love for God and a love for others. Those who love God, pursue his glory. Those who love others, seek their good. Seeking God's glory and others' good are both accomplished as we share the gospel.

We glorify God when we make him known. When we genuinely love God, we want others to know him so that he will be honored and glorified by them. The other side of the coin is that nothing could be better for a person than to know God. So God's glory and others' greatest good come together when we make God known. That is why love compels witness.

### 2 Discuss John 17:1-5:

- What was Jesus' ultimate aim in life?
- How did he accomplish it?
- Examine a simple presentation of the gospel, such as, *The Four Spiritual Laws* or *Would You Like to Know God Personally?* What attributes of God are revealed through the gospel presentation?

### Action Plan

Each day this week, pray that God gives you the desire to glorify him by sharing the gospel with others.

### Summary

God's glory and other's good are both accomplished by making God known.

## Love in Action

COJOURNERS № 1.2 | MOTIVATION

Compassion is true love focused on real need. It is always found at the intersection of love and need. Both must be present to experience compassion.

We may have genuine love in our hearts, but if we aren't exposed to need, there is no reason for compassion. On the other hand, if we are exposed to genuine need, but do not love, we will fall short of compassion. We may feel sorry, or even be sympathetic, but we will not demonstrate Christ-like compassion.

3 When Jesus saw the crowds, he experienced compassion for them because "they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd" (Matthew 9:36). Individuals whose spiritual journeys have failed to lead to Christ have a genuine need—a need so great that the eternal Son of God would

leave his riches in heaven to come on a search and rescue mission (Luke 19:10; Romans 5:8). Do you exhibit the same compassion? Being a witness is a Christ-like expression of true compassion.

### 4 Discuss

- What evidence shows your peers are "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd"?
- Why do we fail to recognize the real needs in others' lives?

### Action Plan

Each day this week, ask God to show you the real needs of others, especially their need for the Shepherd.

### Summary

Compassion is love focused on a lost person's need.