

JESUS'S SATURATION STRATEGY

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EXERCISE

Martin mentioned in the video that Jesus had a strategy to saturate the entire geographical regions of Galilee with the Gospel. Make a list of all the towns, communities and neighborhoods within a 15- to 20-minute drive from where you intend to plant your church. Now, develop a plan to pray systematically and fervently for each of these geographic areas. Pray that God will give you the opportunity to penetrate these areas with the gospel.

It is important to note that Jesus did not try to reach the entire region by Himself. Instead, He equipped and involved the 12 apostles in the mission. Who are your 12? Make a list of the people God has given you to help you reach your region. What will be your plan to train your 12 to know how to live on mission and how to share the gospel?

Over the years, many effective tools (like “3 Circles”) have been used to help believers share the gospel. Which tool will you be most effective for you with your team and for your geographic area? How will you train your people to share the gospel using that tool? When will you train them?

The plan Jesus implemented to saturate Galilee with the gospel included transforming the team of 12 into an army of 72. What steps could you take to make sure that you continue to increase the number of people who are mobilized to take the gospel to your community? What can you do to make sure your gospel saturation strategy is reproducible and scalable?

It's been said that the wrong question to ask is “How do I grow my church in this city?” The right question to ask is “What does God want to do through us in this city?” How will you continuously remind yourself to dream beyond your own local church context so you and your church become part of a movement of church planting to reach your entire city, region or geographical area?

Make a list of potential leaders who could plant churches in each of the neighborhoods, cities or geographic regions surrounding you. Begin to pray specifically by name for these leaders. What questions do you need to ask these leaders to help them to discern where God may be calling them to serve on mission? When will you have conversations with each of these leaders?