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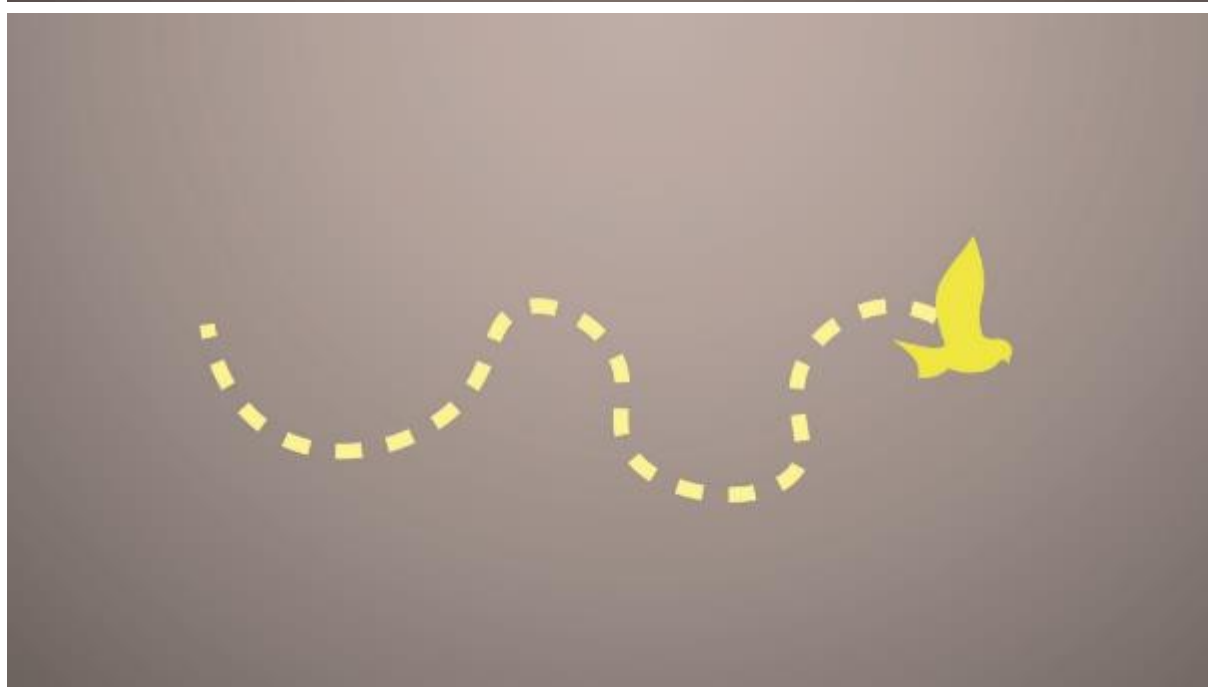
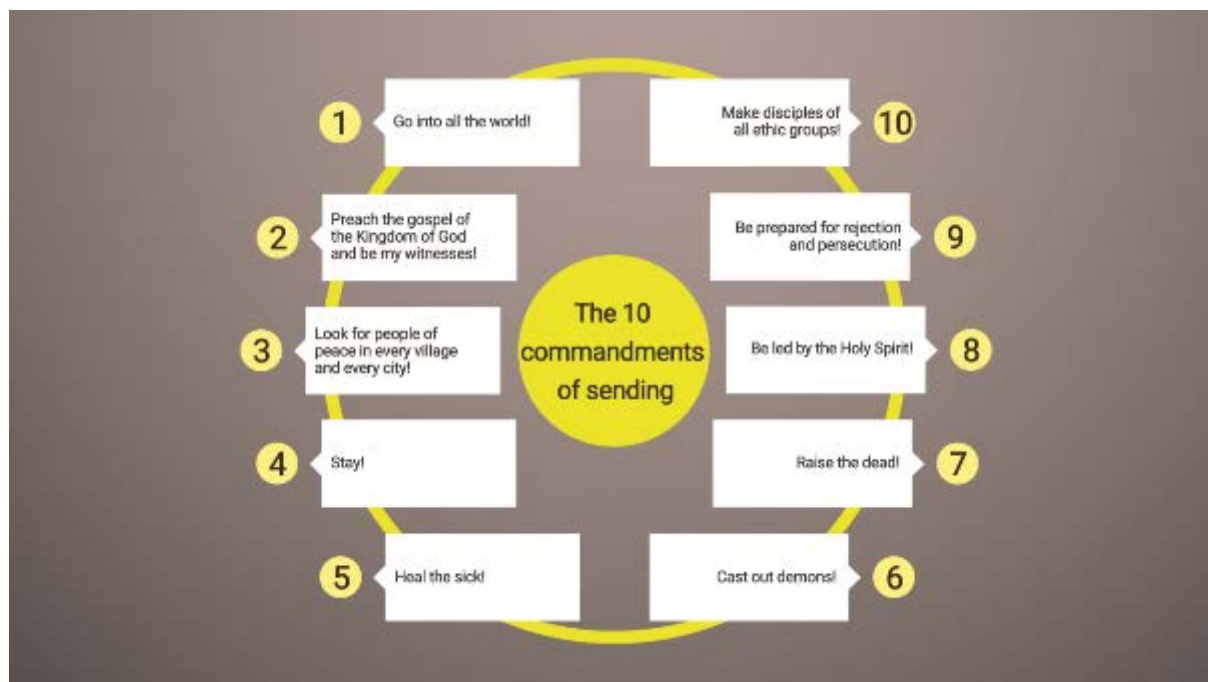
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Training Unit 18

The 8th commandment of sending: Be led by the Holy Spirit



When the Lord sent out his disciples, he also gave them instructions about **WHERE** to go.

Matthew 10:5-6

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “**Do not go** among the Gentiles **or enter any town** of the Samaritans. **Go rather to** the lost sheep of Israel.

Luke 10:1

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two **ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go**. Jesus usually gave his disciples instructions about **where** to go. This means **HE GUIDED** them.

Also on other occasions, for example **when looking for a room for the Last Supper**, he instructed them **where** they should go.

Mark 11:1-3

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

Sometimes Jesus and his disciples also worked **systematically**:

Luke 9:6

*So, they set out and went **from village to village**, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.*

Towards the end of his time on earth the Lord announced a **fundamental change**:

John 16:13

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

→ After Pentecost, the Holy Spirit will guide us in all truth!

Acts 1:4-8

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

- After **RECEIVING** the gift of the Holy Spirit at conversion (after faith, repentance and water baptism)
- we will be **FILLED** and **FULFILLED** with the Holy Spirit and
- there will be an **OVERFLOW OF the Holy Spirit**

Overflow in a 5-fold way:

- 1) Acts 2:4 **Preaching in other languages (I)**
- 2) Acts 10:44-46 **Gift of tongues (I) and praising God (II)**
- 3) Acts 19:1-6 **Gift of tongues (I) and prophesy (III)**
- 4) Acts 2:11 **speaking of the great deeds of God (II)**
- 5) Acts 9:17-20 **Preaching about Jesus in the synagogues (IV)**
- 6) Galatians 4:6 God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit **who calls out, "Abba, Father."** (V)

What happens when people receive the Holy Spirit?

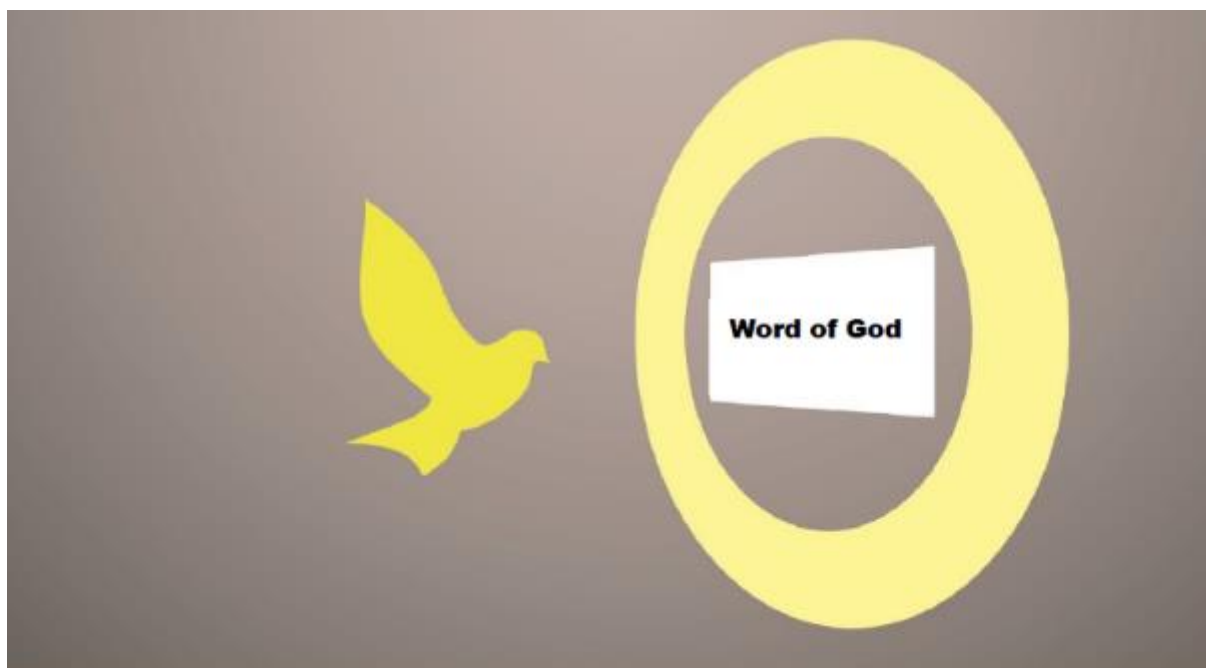
- Speaking in other tongues: mentioned 3 times
- Praising God: mentioned twice
- Prophesying: mentioned once
- Preaching about Jesus: mentioned once
- Calling out in the Spirit, "Abba, Father": mentioned once

From the moment of being filled with the Holy Spirit on, we live in **FELLOWSHIP with THE HOLY SPIRIT**.

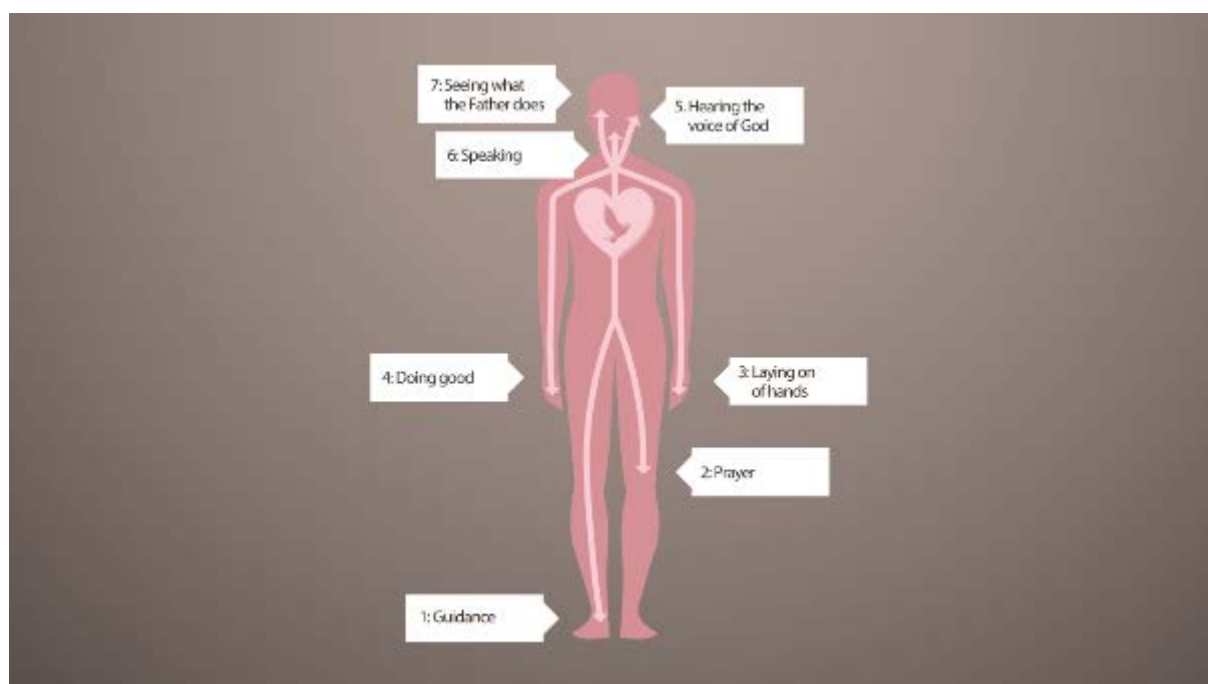
2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

- 1) This fellowship of the Holy Spirit in the ministry is expressed by the **INTERACTION OF WORD AND SPIRIT – the words I have spoken to you are Spirit and Life (John 6:63)** – in our spiritual lives.
- 2) **This fellowship of the Holy Spirit is also expressed in different areas** of our spiritual lives.
Dove = the symbol of the Holy Spirit -> The Holy Spirit fills and works through the Word of God (Jesus says: "My words are Spirit and Life.")



Following illustration shows the manifold work of the Holy Spirit in our spiritual lives.



The evangelistic ministry of the Holy Spirit

- Working in the harvest fields, in persons or groups and houses of peace, **so they would be ripe for harvest (John 4:35).**
- **Convicting** of sin, righteousness and judgment: **John 16:8**
- Causing **rebirth** = Life of Jesus: **John 3:5**
- Causing **assurance of salvation**: Romans 8:16

The “Power Ministry” of the Holy Spirit

- Healing
- Deliverance
- Raising the dead
- The **ministry of the Holy Spirit through the spiritual gifts** he has given us.
- The growth of the fruits of the Holy Spirit.
- **The leading and guiding ministry of the Holy Spirit.**

Being led by the Holy Spirit

3) Hearing the voice of God is crucial in the ministry of sending.

The Lord speaks **again and again to the sent ones through the Holy Spirit** and also to those he wants to call into discipleship. Here are some powerful words from Scripture:

Romans 8:14

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

John 8,47

Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.

John 10:27

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

John 16:13

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

John 5:19-20

Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed.”

Job 33:14

For God does speak—now one way, now another— though no one perceives it

Isaiah 30:21

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.”

Hearing God’s voice and being guided by it was **NORMAL** for:

1) Jesus

Luke 4:1

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

2) Peter

Acts 10

→ Cornelius – Angel – 3 times vision

3) Philip**Acts 8:26-30**

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

4) Paul**Acts 16:9**

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

1 Corinthians 14:24-25

But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!"

- Hearing God's voice and being guided by the Holy Spirit was **NORMAL** for the sent ones of Jesus and is a **PART** of the fellowship with the Holy Spirit!
- When Samuel was still a child, living in the temple with Eli, he only understood after the third time and after Eli explained it that the Lord was speaking to him (1 Samuel 3,1-21).

→ About 90% of the Spirit's direction we experience like Jonathan did:

1. Samuel 14:1-14

One day Jonathan son of Saul said to his young armor-bearer, "**Come, let's go over** to the Philistine outpost on the other side." But he did not tell his father. Saul was staying on the outskirts of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree in Migron. With him were about six hundred men, among whom was Ahijah, who was wearing an ephod. He was a son of Ichabod's brother Ahitub son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the Lord's priest in Shiloh. No one was aware that Jonathan had left. On each side of the pass that Jonathan intended to cross to reach the Philistine outpost was a cliff; one was called Bozez and the other Seneh. One cliff stood to the north toward Mikdash, the other to the south toward Geba. Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, "**Come, let's go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised men.** Perhaps the Lord will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few." "**Do all that you have in mind,**" his armor-bearer said. "Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul." Jonathan said, "**Come on, then; we will cross over toward them and let them see us. If they say to us, 'Wait there until we come to you,' we will stay where we are and not go up to them. But if they say, 'Come up to us,' we will climb up, because that will be our sign that the Lord has given them into our hands.**" So, both of them showed themselves to the Philistine outpost. "Look!" said the Philistines. "The Hebrews are crawling out of the holes they were hiding in." The men of the outpost shouted to Jonathan and his armor-bearer, "**Come up to us and we'll teach you a lesson.**" So, Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, "Climb up after me; **the Lord has given them into the hand of Israel.**" Jonathan climbed up, using his hands and feet, with his armor-bearer right behind him. **The Philistines fell before Jonathan**, and his armor-bearer followed and killed behind him. In that first attack Jonathan and his armor-bearer killed some twenty men in an area of about half an acre.

- Jonathan had an **“impression”, a thought directly from God**: “One day, Jonathan son of Saul said to his young armor-bearer, (...) **“Come, let’s go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised men. Perhaps the Lord will act in our behalf”** (...)”.
- **First confirmation from the armor-bearer**: “Do all that you have in mind,” his armor-bearer said. “Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul.”
- **First step** in the given direction. Jonathan said, **“Come on, then; we will cross over toward them** and let them see us. **If they say to us**, ‘Wait there until we come to you,’ we will stay where we are and not go up to them. **But if they say**, ‘Come up to us,’ we will climb up, because that will be our sign that the Lord has given them into our hands.”
- **Second confirmation**: the men at the outpost shouted to Jonathan and his armor-bearer, **“Come up to us and we’ll teach you a lesson.”**
- **Second step and victory – breakthrough**: so Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, “Climb up after me; **the Lord has given them into the hand of Israel.**” Jonathan climbed up, using his hands and feet, with his armor-bearer right behind him. **The Philistines fell before Jonathan**, and his armor-bearer followed and killed behind him.

Two basic thoughts about God speaking directly:

- ➔ **Only the word of God is infallible**, as it is written in Psalm 12,6: “The words of the Lord are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined seven times.”
- ➔ **All direct speech and guidance** must be examined according to this word.

Personal examples of the Holy Spirit’s guiding

1. Henoch:

- First step: Started riding the bike.
- Second step: A man waved at me.
- Third step: Introduced me to his friend
- Knowing: Man of peace



2. Kingdom Ministries:

- Vision of harvest fields with four big areas (at the beginning of the 1990s).
- Step by step, we came into these harvest fields in accordance to the vision.
- The Holy Spirit always leads.



3. Pray that a young man would give his life to Jesus
 - Impression to pray for the conversion of a young man, although there were only elderly people.
 - However, there really was a young man present who immediately gave his life to Jesus.
 - He asked me if I would like to tell all these things to his friends.
 - When I was with this group, 14 out of 20 gave their lives to Jesus.



4. If they do not come to you, then why don't you come to us?
 - A man was frustrated, because his friends did not want to come to the church service. They preferred to go to the restaurant to have a drink.
5. Then the innkeeper said: "If they do not come to you, then why don't you come to us!"
 - ... why don't you have your church service here in the restaurant?"



6. New town, new people
 - After month-long prayer, the Lord spoke to us that we should reach out to the occult scene.
 - The openness was very big.

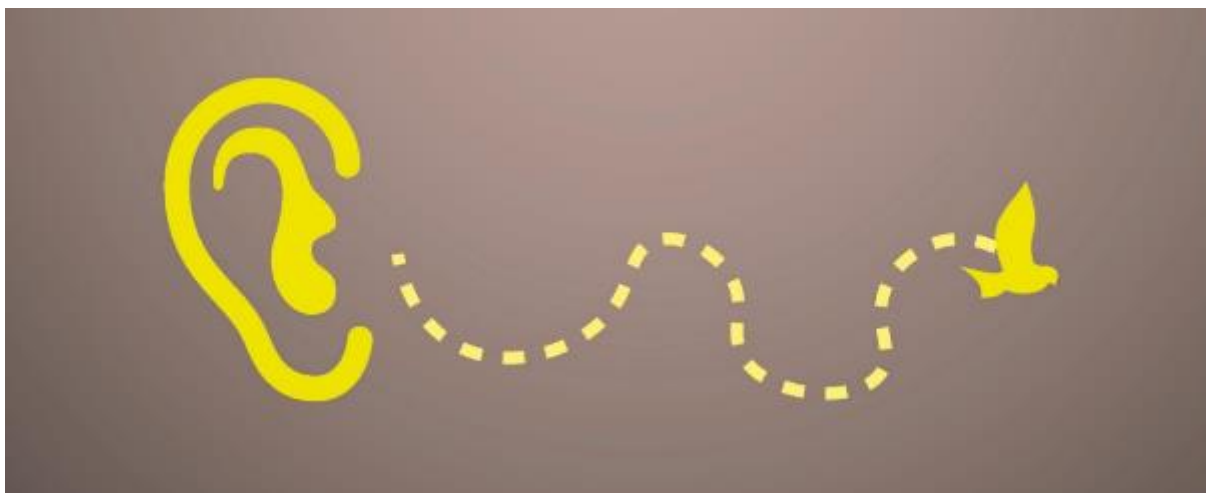


John 4:35

Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

Task

- a) In order to practice hearing the voice of God AND being led by the Holy Spirit during evangelism, Kevin Dedmon developed the "spiritual treasure hunt" method.



To start, a group of Christians prays together. Then, everyone takes time to listen to what God wants to tell them about the treasure hunt.

→ This is about words of knowledge.

- **Certain information** and hints **about the people** that are looked for and found.
- For example: **description of persons, places, prayer requests, unusual things...**
- These words of knowledge can be received as **words thought or heard**, as **images** or **visions**.
- This information always has a **certain reason**.
- For example, when God **reveals a sickness**, then this is with the purpose that he **wants to heal this sickness**.
- When someone receives hints about the **appearance of a person**, the purpose is for that person to be **found and addressed**.
- **Information about a location** helps to know **where to look for that person**.
- Everyone from the group writes these impressions on **their own note**, on their "treasure map".

Acts 9:10-18

In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized.

TREASURE HUNT

1. Every person writes down words of knowledge on the following list:

- PLACE (like road sign, clock, coffee shop, shopping center, etc.)

- NAME

- APPEARANCE (color of specific clothes, hair color, etc.)

- REASONS FOR PRAYER (knee pain, kidneys, tumors, left ankle, marriage, etc.)

- UNUSUAL THINGS (windmill, lollipop, dolphins, green door, etc.)

2. Form groups of 3 or 4 people

- Add the words of knowledge from the group to your “treasure map”.
- Attention: everyone keeps his own list – don’t write a new list on a separate piece of paper!

3. Choose a starting point.

4. Begin to look for your treasure.

5. When you find someone from your treasure map (from the individual lists of the group)

- go to that person and say something like: “This might sound a bit strange, but we are on a treasure hunt and we think that you are on our list.”
- Show them your lists (one or two points on every list or just one point from one list).
- Start a conversation (friendship – ask questions to get to know them).
- Let them know that God has “marked” them and that he wants to bless them.
- Ask if you can pray for them.

6. If they say “no”:

- Continue to build the relationship (general reason: friendship).
- Ask the Holy Spirit what he wants to highlight about this person.
- Share some encouraging words with them (prophecy).

7. Then ask again if you can pray for them.

- If they say “no” – bless them and look for your next treasure.
- If they say “yes” –
 - Ask God for his presence and speak his presence into their lives.
 - Command the pain to go, bones to be whole, tumors to shrink, etc.

- Let them do a test – “Do something that you were not able to do before we prayed for you.”
- Pray again if necessary.

8. If they are healed

- Explain what just happened (the goodness of God – He knows you and cares about you, etc.)
- Ask, if they want to get to know Jesus in a personal way (relationship with him).
- Lead them as they invite Jesus into their lives.

Personal examples of the Holy Spirit's guidance

1. My first experience with the treasure hunt:
We had 12 descriptions for a person. Near a warehouse and close to a staircase, a man with green walking sticks on the way to the hospital, etc.
And that is exactly how we found this man.
2. Bridge with red balloons:
The following description: A fisherman will walk over a bridge and during a conversation red balloons will fly behind his head.
When a man came and waited we saw the red balloons from children.
3. Oslo wheelchair:
In Oslo, God said to teenagers that they should pray for an old, bald man in a wheelchair, whom they found – however, this man had hair. They were able to pray for him in his home, he then got up from his wheelchair and put down his wig.
4. White-bearded man:
Descriptions of a white-bearded man of about 50 years, with square glasses, no hair for whom we should pray for blessing and deliverance. Someone even made a drawing:



Part II: Application

- a) Someone from the group summarizes this teaching in his own words. If anything is missing, the others can add to the summary.
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b) Group discussion.

c) Write down personal insights from the teaching.

d) Share with each other what you have experienced or heard about concerning the guidance of the Holy Spirit and hearing the voice of God.

e) Every group presents what they have learned.

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- f) You go on a treasure hunt: each group presents what they learned and presents the precise goals of how to put things into practice to the other groups during the outreach.
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Part III: Outreach

Regular prayer walks (4 to 6 hours/week) and going and preaching (6 to 9 hours/week).
Practicing...

1. PRAYER: prayer walks with the team/ a partner ☐
2. GO: to the unreached you have a heart for ☐
3. Look for persons of peace ☐
4. PREACH: the gospel of the Kingdom of God ☐

- 5. EXPLAINING: the way of salvation ☐
- 6. Evangelistic Bible studies with interested people ☐
- 7. Share your personal testimony with others ☐
- 8. Call to repentance and to follow Jesus ☐
- 9. FAITH, REPENTANCE, BAPTISM AND RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT ☐
- 10. Pray for sick people during an outreach ☐
- 11. Raise a dead person if you are led so ☐
- 12. Treasure hunt ☐

BEsent is a training - without practice it is almost useless!