

Session 1: Mission

FRONTLINE MEMBERSHIP CLASS

The values of Frontline Church are:

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These values shape who we are and why we exist. We hold these values close and pray that we increasingly embody them together in gospel community.

Frontline Church's mission statement is:

Every aspect of our church is driven by this mission. It brings us together with one goal in mind. It reminds us why God has placed us here, and sets our eyes on that for which we collectively strive.

The four places that we can most clearly see Frontline's mission at work are:

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The distinctives of Frontline Church are:

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Exercise: Praying for Your Three

We invite all of our members to commit to their “three.” These are three people within your sphere of influence who do not follow Jesus or are not connected to a local church. We ask everyone to pray daily for their “three” and engage them in intentional gospel relationships. Your “three” could be your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. To help you identify and begin praying for your “three,” work through the following exercise together at your table.

Part 1: Identify Your “Three”

Take 3 minutes to prayerfully select and write down the names of three people in your life who do not follow Jesus or are not connected to a local church.

Whom would you most love to see become a disciple of Jesus? Who is your heart best shaped to reach for Jesus? If you are having trouble identifying three people, just write down as many as you can.

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Part 2: Engage Your Three

Once you’ve each identified your “three,” pick just one of those three people and consider best how to engage them. Take 5 minutes at your table to each answer in turn, out loud, the following questions posed by missiologist Alan Hirsch:

- ▶ Am I in close proximity with this person to whom I feel called?
- ▶ Am I spending regular time with this person? If not, why not?
- ▶ Am I too busy to develop a meaningful relationship with this person? If so, how could I create margin for mission?

Part 3: Pray Together

Take 3 minutes to pray out loud for the people your table shared about.

Pray specifically for your relationship with them to grow, that God would give you creativity in how to spend regular time with them, and for God to provide opportunities for you to love them, serve them, and share the gospel with them.

Let’s commit to continuing to pray for our “three” regularly. If you have started to attend a community group, be sure to share your “three” with your community group and invite them to join you in praying as well.



Session 2: Word & Spirit

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Questions

- (1) Which of these two columns are you more comfortable with or have more experience with?
- (2) Which of these two columns are you more concerned about being neglected in the local church?

WORD

Process

Knowledge

Sermon

Intellect

Reformation

Obedience to God

Principles

Justification

Faith in God

Biblically-Informed Wisdom

SPIRIT

Event

Experience

Worship

Affections

Revival

Intimacy with God

Power

Sanctification

Love for God

Spiritually-Imparted Discernment

New Testament Gifts

Rom 12:3-8; 1 Cor 12:1-11

Service

Teaching

Encouragement

Generosity

Leadership

Acts of mercy

Words of wisdom

Words of knowledge

Faith

Gifts of Healings

Miracles

Prophecy

Discerning between spirits

Tongues

Interpretation of tongues

Helping

Adminstrating

We can grow in the way we read
Scripture by:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Guidelines for practicing listening
prayer:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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Exercise: Reading the Bible

The following exercise aims to help you practice embracing both Word and Spirit in your daily life. In the Bible, we find unity of Word and Spirit. The Bible is the very Word of God. Likewise, the Bible was inspired by the Spirit of God. We are going to open our Bibles together and walk through an exercise to help us learn to study the words of the Bible and listen to the Spirit as we read the Bible.

Part 1: Read the Passage

Have a volunteer read Ephesians 3:14-19 aloud for the entire class.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Eph 3:14–19)

Part 2: Listening Prayer

Each person should spend 3 minutes in prayer, quietly listening, and asking the Spirit to speak. As you listen, write down any pictures or impressions God seems to bring to mind. Reflect on the following questions.

- ▶ What word or phrase stands out to you in the passage?
- ▶ As you reflect on the passage, what are you thinking or feeling about God?
- ▶ What might the Spirit be saying to you? What might God want you to know, do, or become?

Part 3: Study

Take 3 minutes to read back through the passage yourself and look for the three things listed here.

As you read on your own, try to write down at least one thing from each category.



A star: anything that shines out in the passage and draws attention—it can be something important, or something that strikes you



A question mark: anything that is hard to understand—something that you would like to be able to ask the author about



An arrow: anything that applies personally to your everyday life

One-to-One Bible Reading: A Simple Guide for Every Christian, David Helm

Part 4: Sharing

Take 5 minutes to each share in turn at your table what the Spirit highlighted for you through this exercise.

You can share a star, a question mark, or an arrow—or any other general sense from the Spirit you are willing to share.



Session 3: Gospel & Kingdom

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**The kingdom of God is wherever God is _____
and _____ as _____ .**

Jesus came to establish the kingdom of God on earth.

He came to bring all things in submission to God
through his own rule and reign.

**The kingdom was breaking into the world through the
_____, _____, and _____ of Jesus.**

The gospel story is the kingdom story.

The message of the gospel and the message of the kingdom go hand-in-hand.

**How do we hold the unity of the gospel
and the kingdom at Frontline?**

1. _____

& _____
2. _____

& _____
3. _____

& _____

**The three purposes of the sacraments
are:**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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Exercise: Gospel Hospitality

Gospel hospitality is one of the most practical ways in which we embody the gospel and serve as a sign and foretaste of the coming kingdom (1 Peter 4:7–9). In both Sunday gatherings and community groups, we are called to move toward people, greet them warmly, and have thoughtful conversations.

But who do we prioritize?

Ed Welch suggests that we should prioritize greeting in our gatherings in the following order ➡

1. The visitor (who Scripture calls the “foreigner” or “alien”) comes first.
2. The visitor who returns comes next.
3. The less popular, the introverts, the marginalized, or those sitting alone come next.
4. Then come the children.
5. Good friends are interspersed through these greetings, but they are left for later if time is short.

Part 1: Learning to Prioritize

Work through the following questions with your table in 5 minutes.

1. What are some reasons why the order listed above might be best when moving toward others and greeting them on Sundays and in community groups?
2. Why might you personally be reluctant to move toward visitors?
3. Who in your life is one step ahead of you in knowing people? What does that person do that you could learn from?

Part 2: Learning to Engage

Work through the following exercise with your table in 3 minutes. **Don’t look at the chart on the right until you’re done brainstorming!**

- ✓ Brainstorm together some examples of a helpful greeting and initial questions you could ask a complete stranger when greeting them on a Sunday or in a group.
- ✓ Afterward, compare your answers with the suggestions on the chart.

Part 3: Prayer

Close your time by praying aloud together at the table that God would encourage and equip you to pursue gospel hospitality.

Having Thoughtful Conversations

The following questions start with facts of public record. Gradually, over time, we can move deeper.

- Hi, my name’s _____. What’s your name? How long have you been attending Frontline? How did you find your way to Frontline?
- Where did you grow up? Is your family still there? Do you see them often?
- Do you have any kids? Tell me something special about each of them.
- What’s something challenging about your current job? What’s something you enjoy?
- What do you like to do for fun? Do you have any hobbies?
- How is school? What are you studying? Has there been anything you’ve especially enjoyed this semester? What are you looking forward to most over the break?
- What are you celebrating? What are you facing that’s hard? How are you doing? How are you (really) doing?
- What’s been weighing on your mind lately? How can I pray for you?



Session 4: Gender

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A biblical vision of gender:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Can you see any ways in which your understanding of gender is shaped more by the world or your past than by what God blesses in men and women?

The man had a unique responsibility within the world to _____ and _____.

Masculinity is oriented toward self-sacrificial initiative that cultivates and guards a space where growth and flourishing are possible.

The first woman was created to bring _____ and _____ to a weary world.

A “helper” supplies strength and life where it is lacking. In the Old Testament, this word is used dozens of times—only twice for women, with the vast majority of other uses referring to God.

Marriage points outside of itself as a picture of _____ and the _____.

Offices of leadership in the local church:

1. _____
2. _____

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Exercise: Submission and Authority

David Powlison reminds us that in various areas of life, we are all called to either submission or authority: “All of us are called to major on submission within some relationships and to major on initiating love within others.” In light of this dual reality, work through the following exercise with your table.

Part 1: Identify Where You Lead and Follow

The following chart lists various Scriptures where God speaks about human authority in different areas of our lives.

Take 3 minutes to read through the chart silently. Circle those Scriptures that specifically apply to you, in an area where you are either called to lead or follow. In some areas, you may be called to both lead and follow (e.g., you *have* parents, and you *are* a parent).

Part 2: Discuss Together

Take 5 minutes to discuss the following questions with your table.

1. In what ways has God called you to *lead* others? How can you increasingly lead in a way that honors God’s heart for those under your care?
2. In what ways had God called you to *follow* others? How can you grow in reflecting Christ to those placed over you?

Part 3: Pray Together

Take 3 minutes to pray for one another to lead and follow in ways that honor Jesus.

		CALLED TO LEAD	CALLED TO FOLLOW
SPHERE OF INFLUENCE	FAMILY	Do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Eph 6:4)	Honor your father and mother (this is the first commandment with a promise), that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land. (Eph 6:2-3)
	MARRIAGE	Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. (Eph 5:25)	Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. (Eph 5:22)
	CHURCH	[Elders], shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. (1 Peter 5:2-3)	Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. (Heb 13:17)
	WORK	Masters, treat your [servants] justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven. (Col 4:1)	Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. (Col 3:23-24)
	GOVERNMENT	For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad... He is God’s servant for your good... He is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. (Rom 13:3-4)	Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.” (1 Pet 2:13-14)

