

Oikos Map

When Jesus shared with the Samaritan Woman in John 4, she believed and immediately went to tell her community. That's the idea behind an Oikos Map. That word *oikos* is a Greek word used in the New Testament to speak of someone's household. When the Philippian Jailer was converted in Acts 16, he immediately took Paul and Silas to share Jesus with his *oikos*. In the same way, we have an opportunity and calling to share Christ with those in our *oikos*. This all starts with an Oikos Map.

Step 1: Get a blank piece of paper and draw a small circle in the middle of it. Write your name in this circle.

Step 2: Take a moment to think of people in your *oikos* who are lost. This could be a family member, friend, neighbor, coworker, etc. Write a few of those names in circles around your center circle. Then draw a line connecting their circle to yours.

Step 3: Extend the map further by adding circles out from the other circles. These represent people who could be reached if you reached that first person. Some of these may be blank because you may not know who that person is. Some of these could have a name or group in it. For example, if I reach John with the gospel, he could reach his brother Nick or the guys in his fishing club.

Step 4: Hang your Oikos Map up in a place where you will regularly see it and be reminded to pray for the names. Pray for their salvation and for an opportunity for you to share.

Sample Oikos Map

