

## REBOOT SESSION 1: Introduction

### The “Endvision”

Let’s begin with an exciting question: *“What would America be like if everyone loved and obeyed God?”*

Unfortunately, this is not reality. In fact, **less than one-third** of all Americans have a meaningful relationship with God! The world’s population is over **six billion people** – most of whom do not love and obey God. To reach them all for Jesus is humanly impossible! But with the power of the Holy Spirit, God can use **you** to reach vast numbers of spiritually lost people.

### Three Great Commands

**Jesus Commands Us to Love God.** God created us for a relationship of love, and He commands us to love Him with all our heart, soul, and mind (Matt. 22.37). We show our love through our obedience to Him: *“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in My love”* (John 15.10). Therefore if we want to grow in **intimacy** with God, we must obey Him.

**Jesus Commands Us to Love People.** God also desires for us to live in harmony as His people, so He commands us to love one another (Matt. 22.39). Love is not words or feelings, but actions. We can express love in many ways, but the greatest eternal value is found by being mutually **accountable** to one another to love and obey God.

**Jesus Commands Us to Make Disciples.** God wants all people to be reconciled to Him, but each person must hear the message, repent, and follow Him in obedience. Jesus commands His disciples to go and make disciples. Faithful witnesses passed the gospel on to us today, and we must pass it to others to **multiply** His Kingdom. Let’s examine Matthew 28.18-20:

- **“All authority has been given to Me”** Jesus is the highest authority in the universe. He has complete sovereignty as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, therefore we must obey Him!
- **“Go”** We can’t depend on people to come to us – we must go to them.
- **“Make disciples”** A disciple is an apprentice learner who follows the Master. Disciples ‘follow’ Jesus in their lifestyle and go ‘fishing’ for Jesus by catching people for the Kingdom. We must make disciples, not just converts!
- **“Baptizing them”** In order to baptize someone, he or she must decide to follow Jesus. This means we must first share the gospel message and bring that person to a point of decision.
- **“Teaching them to obey”** We must teach believers to obey Jesus – including this command. Therefore, a disciple is a disciple-maker! We train them to be trainers who train others, passing it on through many spiritual generations.
- **“I am with you always”** Jesus goes before us with the power of the Holy Spirit. Once we start moving in His power, we will begin to see God at work to create movements that reach many people and multiply His Kingdom.

### The New Testament AIM of the Church

These Three Great Commands are foundational – virtually every instruction in Scripture traces back to them! Jesus gave these commands so we know how to please God, so we should obey them **every time** we meet together. A simple way to remember these commands is to use the words *Accountability, Intimacy, and Multiplication* (AIM). Here is the task of every believer:

*Develop Accountability to one another...to grow in Intimacy with God...and to bring about the Multiplication of the Kingdom*

### The Reboot Training Concept

Most of us have used computers. Sometimes a computer gets bogged down, slows to a crawl, or freezes up completely. It stops doing what it was designed to do! When that happens, we need to reboot it so it can start fresh, and this usually solves the problem and allows us to be productive once again. In a similar way, believers may get busy doing “good” things – yet we fail to produce anything of eternal value. We must **reboot** and start fresh so we can be useful to God and bear fruit for Him.

*Reboot* is designed for established believers to get us back to the basics of Scripture so we can be effective disciples.

- *Reboot* is not about information or academics. It is about **obedience**. Our purpose is not to teach information, but to train people to be obedient to God – faithful people who are *“doers of the Word”* (Jas. 1.22).
- We must not train people to be merely leaders or followers, but to be **trainers who will train other trainers**. This follows Paul’s model in 2 Timothy 2:2, *“the things which you have heard from me . . . entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”*
- Use the most **personal** means to multiply trainers. Make yourself available to them, as Jesus did with His disciples.
- Keep your training groups **small** to encourage a high level of accountability and to make them easy to organize.
- Meet for **8 sessions** every two weeks for at least **90 minutes** per session (you may choose to meet weekly).
- Lead each session in **3 equal segments** broken down according to AIM. Study the “AIM Pattern” (handout) to visualize and understand the pattern that we will follow in every *Reboot* session.
- Begin each session by **casting a vision** to reach the lost, and conclude by **commissioning** your trainers (John 20.21).

## The Goals of *Reboot*

1. **To develop a lifestyle of obedience to Jesus, giving highest priority to the Great Commission.** *Reboot* reminds believers of the urgency of the gospel while bringing them into accountability to share their faith with lost people.
2. **To unlearn and relearn the foundational truths of Christian faith.** We all have misconceptions and blind spots about Christianity and the church. *Reboot* helps us re-examine the Bible to learn what God expects from us.
3. **To model dynamically the New Testament church, preparing believers to start new churches.** *Reboot* is not merely a training course. We will be “doing” church and will put everything we learn into practice immediately.

Our ultimate goal is to foster **church planting movements** which give every person in our nation the opportunity to hear the gospel, helping them to become disciples that love and obey God. What will it take to make this happen in our generation?

## Expectations

1. **You must be here each time we meet.** The training process will not work if you are not here.
2. **You must be honest with yourself, with God, and with one another.**
3. **You must share the gospel with at least one unsaved person per week.** If you are not confident to share at first, your lead trainer will go with you. Jesus sent disciples two-by-two, so go with another believer when you witness.
4. **You must complete the Bible assignment each week.** Bring your Bible and your notes to every session.
5. **You must begin training other believers, just as you are trained – especially the ones you lead to Christ.** We meet every two weeks to give you time to train your trainers. Partner with another *Reboot* trainer to do the training.

► **STOP NOW** and let each participant commit to these expectations before continuing on the *Reboot* journey.

[At this point, hand out this lesson sheet and let participants practice teaching one another what you just taught them.]

## Developing Your People List

Jesus said that “*the fields are ripe for harvest*” (John 4.35), meaning that there are many people whom the Holy Spirit has prepared to hear the gospel. Our task is to find those receptive people and share the Good News with them.

- Make a list of all the people you know starting with your family, friends, and acquaintances. This is your prayer list!
- On your list, mark those who follow Jesus. These are people you can begin training as disciple-makers.
- The remainder are people with whom you will share the gospel over the next several weeks.

## Sharing the Gospel

Every trainer must be bold in sharing the gospel to reach people who are far from God. The Bible says, “*Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have*” (1 Pet. 3.15). God expects you to be ready to share! Receptive people will come to faith quickly, but they will not come to Jesus until they hear the gospel.

## Your Personal Story

Prepare a story about how God has changed your life or how He has worked powerfully in you.

- Include one Bible verse (you don’t need to state the reference).
- Keep it short. You should be able to tell your story in less than 2 minutes!
- Rehearse it several times, then practice it aloud with someone else.
- When you train others, be sure to share your story first as an example.

## God’s Story in Summary Form – The “Four Spiritual Laws”

1. God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life (Jer. 29:11; John 3.16; John 10.10; Rev. 21.1-7)
2. We have all sinned and are separated from God (Isa. 53.6; Isa. 59.2; Rom. 3.23; Rom. 6.23)
3. Jesus died to pay the price for your sin (Rom. 5.8; 1 Pet. 3.18; John 14.6; Eph. 2.8-9)
4. God’s gift is not yours until you accept it (Acts 3.19; Rom. 10.9; Rev. 3.20)

## God’s Story in Narrative Form – The “Creation to Christ” Story (handout)

Some people respond better to stories, so be prepared to use this method. It should take you less than 10 minutes to share the entire story. Use the dot points to prompt your memory.

## Assignment

- WRITE your People List starting with those closest to you and listing everyone you know
- PRACTICE your Personal Story by rehearsing it several times
- SHARE the gospel message with at least two people over the next two weeks
- STUDY Acts chapters 1-4 and WRITE what God is teaching you, using the Acts Worksheet (handout)
- TRAIN at least one believer outside this group, just as you were trained