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# MAP VILLAGES

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## Skill

Map Villages is scouting out a local community and mapping out markets and neighborhoods. We pray for and go out often to meet and talk to neighbors.

## Design

Map Villages (community/map pin) > The picture is a dropped pin in a neighborhood illustrating our strategy to intentionally scout out and map our local community. We want to be faithful stewards of our Jerusalem. The **sketch** is a map pin illustrating our strategy to search for people and homes of peace; open doors to our neighbor's lives who do not know Jesus. Our local mission team identifies spiritually receptive people and births new home fellowships.

## Story

Jericho City Spies (Joshua 2:1-24)

This story demonstrates Map Villages as a kingdom skill because we clearly see Joshua as God's spiritual leader mobilizing a scout team to enter a local community where they have never been to learn about the people and their culture. We see a beautiful picture of Yahweh's agents making a peace covenant with the pagan prostitute Rahab. When Joshua leads Israel to take Jericho city as their inheritance, they are faithful to rescue Rahab and her family and honor the covenant they made with her because she was faithful.

## Scriptures

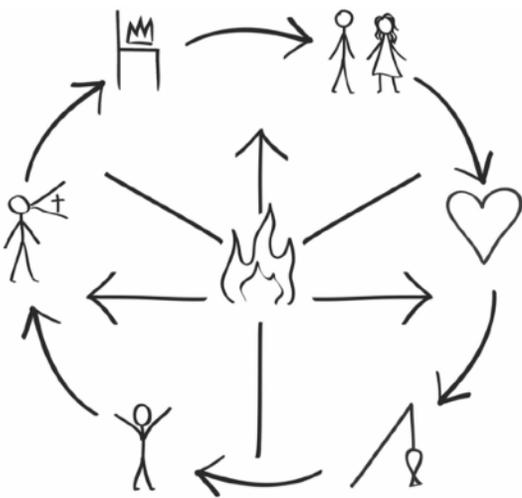
Luke 10:1 > The Lord Jesus appointed 70 others, and He sent them ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place where He Himself was about to go.

Leviticus 19:34 > You must regard the foreigner who lives with you as the native-born among you. You are to love them as yourselves, for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt; I am Yahweh your God.

## Lesson Summary

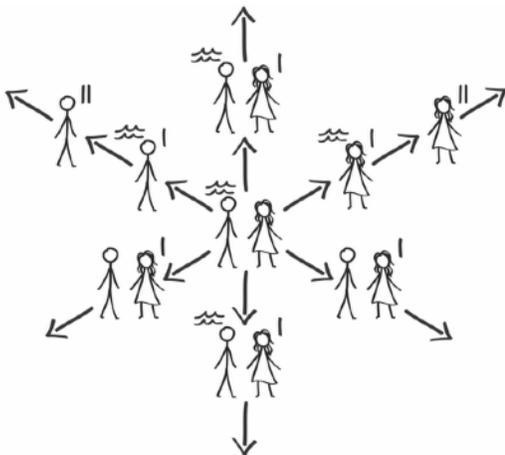
Map Villages is a fun kingdom skill, because we experience the joy of seeing our communities through the eyes of the Lord of the Harvest (Luke 10:2). We are God's coworkers, laborers in His vineyard, and He harvests souls for His kingdom through His people (1 Corinthians 3:9). Jesus Christ is the seed sower, the harvest field is the scattered nations, and the kingdom seed is Yahweh's sons and daughters (Matthew 13:37-38). We search for Holy Spirit prepared people as we meet our neighbors (Acts 16:13-15).

## Gathering Guide



- Holy Spirit (fire): Let the Spirit guide your meeting.
- **Step One** (back arrow): Last week questions.
- Abide (worshipper): How did you abide last week?
- Harvest (witness): Whom did you share with?
- **Step Two** (up arrow): Discover this week's skill in Scripture as you discuss the Bible story.
- God (throne/crown): What do we learn about God?
- People (man/woman): What do we learn about people?
- Practice: Practice telling this week's story in groups.
- **Step Three** (forward arrow): Next week questions.
- Abide (heart): How will you abide?
- Harvest (fishing): Whom will you share with?

## Generations Map



- People of Peace (people/arrows): Draw your disciples and their disciples. Share recent stories of how you and your team are engaging lost people.
- Baptism (waves): Update your map with those who have been baptized. What is the next step for each disciple who still needs to be baptized or become a baptizer by experience?
- Generations (number lines): Update your map with generations. How can we pray for this movement?