



RELEASE ANOINTING



Skill

Release Anointing is washing feet, laying on hands, and praying over each disciple to receive the power, fruit, gifts, and boldness of the Holy Spirit.

Design

Release Authority (foot washing/blessing prayer) > The leader washing a disciple's feet illustrates the invitation by Jesus to wash our disciples' feet as a sign of our love for and covenant with them. The leader laying hands on the disciple illustrates the leader releasing kingdom authority for the disciple to lead as a priest of Jesus to all nations. The **sketch** is a woman holding a crown illustrating how disciples must take ownership of their anointing and authority.

Story

Washing Many Feet (John 13:1-20)

This story demonstrates Release Anointing as a kingdom skill because we clearly see Jesus as Savior of the world and Son of God humbling Himself publicly to wash His disciples' feet. Peter did not understand and, at first, would not allow Jesus to serve Him; his reaction is a sign of how culturally shocking Jesus' actions were. Let us wash one another's feet and pray for blessing.

Scriptures

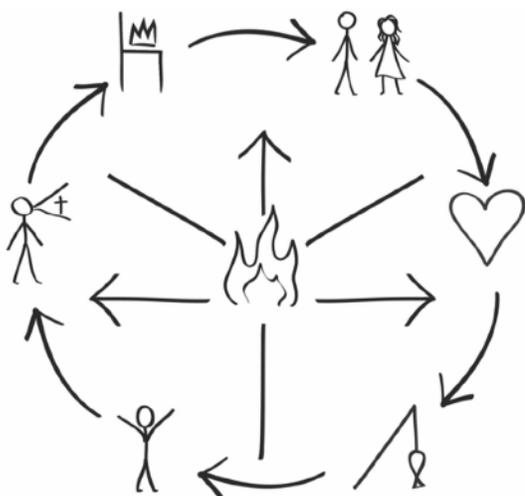
John 13:14-15 > If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example that you also should do just as I have done for you.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 > Now it is God who strengthens us, with you, in Christ and has anointed us. He has also sealed us and given us the Spirit as a down payment in our hearts.

Lesson Summary

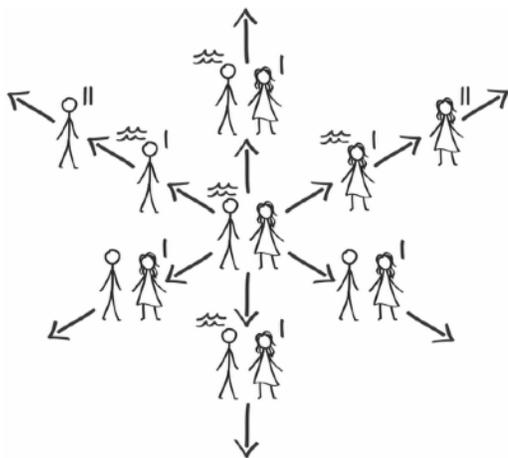
Release Anointing involves a clear vision for a leadership movement. The Father has already anointed us with the Spirit of Jesus, and because He lives in us, we already have all we need to bear fruit and multiply as we remain in Him (1 John 2:27). How do we identify the Lord's next leaders? Scripture provides a clear pattern for choosing whom we are to anoint and commission: 1) worship, pray, and fast, 2) discern the Spirit's revelation, and 3) lay hands on the disciples and release anointing (1 Samuel 16:1-13; Acts 13:2-4). We are always on the look out for disciples searching for God's heart (Matthew 7:7-8).

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?