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# TRAIN APOSTLES

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## Skill

Train Apostles is identifying and equipping apostles with No Place Left vision, harvest field and people groups mapping, and church planting strategy.

## Design

Train Apostles (rocky ground/flag/wind) > A warrior planting a tattered flag against the storm into rocky ground illustrates the spiritual warfare and leadership challenges apostles encounter when catalyzing new mission endeavors in hard soil places and among unreached nations. The **sketch** is a road leading into the mountains illustrating the apostolic gift of taking the gospel into mission frontiers and pioneer cities and regions.

## Story

Missionary Pioneers (1 Corinthians 9:1-27)

This story demonstrates Train Apostles as a kingdom skill because we clearly see a well-known apostle explain extensively and intricately the real challenges he experienced on mission with the Spirit of Jesus. We witness a deep, abiding love for the gospel and a perseverance to endure suffering. We also see Paul's passion for all peoples and his commitment to reach them no matter the cost.

## Scriptures

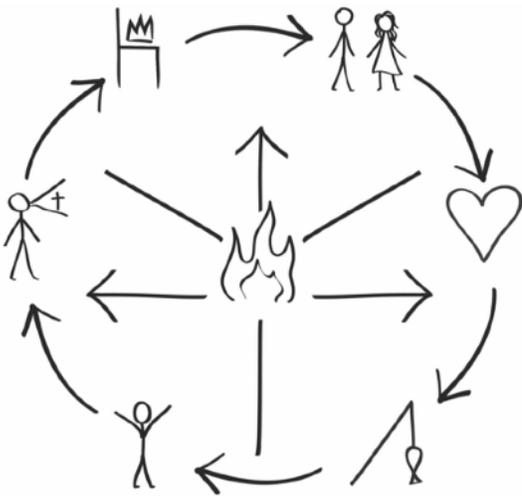
Acts 8:4-8 > So those who were scattered went on their way preaching the gospel. Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them. The crowds paid attention with one mind to what Philip said, as they heard and saw the signs he was performing. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed, and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. So there was great joy in that city.

Romans 15:20 > My aim is to evangelize where Christ is not yet worshipped.

## Lesson Summary

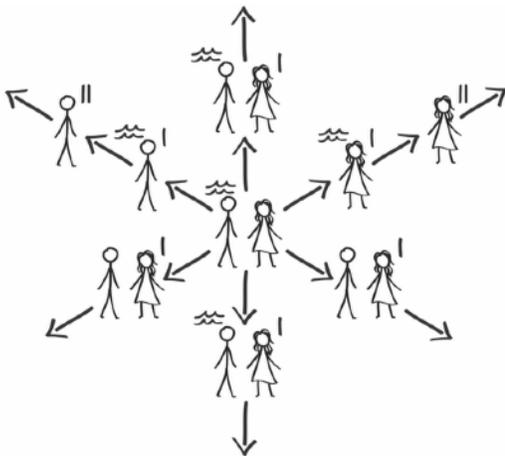
Train Apostles requires a laser focus on the unreached and unengaged tribes and peoples of the world. The first apostles were eyewitnesses to the resurrected Lord, and because of their testimony, abundant grace and favor was upon every believer (Acts 4:32-35). Apostles and prophets must be identified, trained, and commissioned to work together so that the foundation of each church can be healthy and strong (Ephesians 2:18-22). The entire New Testament and Church of Jesus Christ depends completely upon the eyewitness testimony evidence of the first disciples (1 John 1:1-3).

## 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?