

Dare 2 Share Curriculum Preview



**FULL
CIRCLE**

MAKE DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES

LEADER'S GUIDE



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A WORD TO YOUTH LEADERS

Jesus said, *“As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”* **John 20:21**

Spreading His gospel message and making disciples who make disciples is “The Cause” Jesus has called all of us to—including your students.

As a youth leader, there’s **nothing** more exciting and rewarding in youth ministry than seeing students reaching students with the hope of Jesus! Students can take the gospel farther and faster than you or I ever can—into their circles of influence, at their schools, on their social media platforms and in their families. As their youth leader, you have the exciting privilege and awesome responsibility of helping them learn how to relationally share their faith with their friends.

Full Circle is designed to help you do just that!

THE CAUSE CIRCLE: PRAYER, CARE, SHARE

Throughout His public life and ministry, Jesus lived out a continuous pattern of “Prayer, Care and Share” in His interactions with those He was trying to reach. Jesus often went off to be alone and spend time in Prayer. His Care for the needs of those He encountered—helping and healing their physical, emotional and relational needs—fill the Gospels. His Prayer and Care for people laid a foundation that helped them open up so that He could more effectively Share His message. At Dare 2 Share, we refer to this “Prayer, Care, Share” approach as “The Cause Circle.”

Using Luke 5:15-26, *Full Circle* explores how Jesus modeled Prayer, Care, Share. Each lesson unpacks insights and practical tools to help your students incorporate these principles as they reach out to their own circle of friends with the gospel. But we’re to be about more than “conversions.” As eternally important as the point of trusting Christ is, Jesus calls all of us—including our students—to do more than convert souls. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus says, *“go and make disciples...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”* It’s not just about bringing people into a relationship with God. It’s about helping these new believers come “full circle” so they, too, become disciples who make disciples.

My prayer is that *Full Circle* will help your group become an exciting, growing, dynamic Gospel Advancing Ministry where every student is motivated and mobilized to make disciples who make disciples!

Greg Stier,
CEO, Dare 2 Share

HOW TO USE THIS CURRICULUM

Full Circle is designed to challenge and equip your students to be both more relational and more intentional when reaching out to their friends with the gospel. This four-lesson curriculum is suitable for mid-week youth group meetings, small groups, Sunday mornings or retreat settings.

What's included?

The *Full Circle* download folder includes the following:

- Leader's Guide
- Videos:
 - *Full Circle*
 - *A 4 Minute Crash Course in Sharing Your Faith*
 - Bonus Training Video: *Life in 6 Words Mobile App Tutorial*
- Screen Graphics

You and your students will also want to download the free Dare 2 Share mobile app from Apple or Google Play. Since students live on their phones, we've built the app into the weekly lessons. The app puts a variety of faith-sharing tips and tools directly into the hands of your students which they can use long after your *Full Circle* series has ended. A low tech backup options is also built into each lesson for students who do not have a smartphone.

PREPARING EACH WEEK'S LESSON

As you prepare for each week's lesson, start with prayer! Then grab your Leader's Guide and the Dare 2 Share app. As you read through the Leader's Guide, note that the words in bold provide a sample spoken script, while the non-bolded words provide logistical directions or answer cues for you. For your convenience, you have permission to make copies of the Leader's Guide, videos and Lesson 1 and 2 student handouts for use within your own church.

The structure for each lesson is built around the following grid:

- **HEADS UP** offers a big picture overview
- **GEAR UP** provides a supply list
- **WARM UP** launches your gathering with a fun opening activity
- **FUEL UP** unpacks the Scripture passage
- **STEP UP** provides practical faith-sharing insights or tools, and challenges students with a practical application for the coming week; it also includes a gospel presentation and invitation to trust Christ
- **CIRCLE UP** rallies your group around The Cause of making disciples who make disciples and sends them out on mission to live out the Prayer, Care, Share approach to sharing their faith.

CUSTOMIZING YOUR LESSONS

You understand your group best and know what will (and won't) work. Treat this Leader's Guide as a springboard to a more tailored experience. Follow the Holy Spirit's leading during your discussions and stay flexible and willing to adjust to whatever's going on. **However, don't shy away from the weekly "Step Up" challenges that nudge your students out of their comfort zone!** If you're so inclined, you can customize the editable slides in the "Screen Graphics" subfolder and incorporate them into your lessons.

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WEEK 1: THE CAUSE CIRCLE: PRAYER, CARE, SHARE

▶ HEADS UP

KEY IDEA

Jesus is calling you to share His gospel message with others. The Cause Circle—consisting of a Prayer, Care, Share approach to sharing your faith—can help you be both more relational and more intentional about reaching out to your friends with the gospel.

KEY SCRIPTURE

- Luke 19:10
- John 20:21
- Matthew 28:19-20
- Luke 5:15-26

▶ GEAR UP

- Video projection equipment
- *Full Circle* video
- Bibles
- Whiteboard or flip chart and markers
- Copies of the “My Cause Circle” cards located at the end of this lesson - 2 cards per student, one for them to keep and one for them to turn in to you
- Pens/pencils/markers
- *Dare 2 Share* mobile app - Download the app ahead of time and get familiar with it. During the lesson, you’ll be encouraging your students to download the app.



- **LOW TECH OPTION:** For students who do not have a smartphone, make them aware that many of the same faith-sharing resources on the app are available via www.lifein6words.com and www.dare2share.org/worldviews
- **OPTIONAL:** Presentation slides and projection equipment – customized for your lesson

► WARM UP

Would You Rather?

Gather your group's attention and ask the following "Would You Rather" questions. Students must quickly decide which of the two options they prefer. Have them indicate their choices by moving to opposite sides of the room (i.e., those who'd rather donate money to buy mosquito nets go to the left side of the room vs. those who'd rather donate to stop human trafficking go to the right side of the room.) The only rule is that everyone has to pick one or the other choice— "both" or "neither" aren't options!

1. If you had \$100 to donate, would you rather donate the money to buy mosquito nets for needy families in Africa or to help stop human trafficking in Southeast Asia?
2. Would you rather volunteer to go dig a well for safe drinking water in Nepal or volunteer to hold high-need babies born to drug-addicted mothers at a hospital in Guatemala?
3. Would you rather try to save a friend from a rattlesnake on a desert hike or try to save a friend by sharing the gospel with them in the school cafeteria?
4. Would you rather spend a month volunteering at an orphanage in India or volunteer to serve meals at a local homeless shelter?
5. Would you rather share the gospel with an unreached friend or with a stranger?

TRANSITION

EXPLAIN

That was an interesting activity. It was fun to see some of your choices.

ASK

- **Were you surprised by some of the choices you saw others making?**
- **Was it sometimes hard to decide which thing you would rather do? Why or why not?**
- **Perhaps you noticed...there was a theme to these choices, wasn't there? What was it? Anybody want to try to summarize it for us?**

EXPLAIN

The choices I gave you had to do with sharing the love of God with others. Some of the choices involved various kinds of “causes”—like helping the homeless, stopping human trafficking or helping orphans. “Causes” are a big deal in our culture.

ASK

- **What are some other examples of popular “causes” you’re familiar with?** [i.e., Save the Planet; Eat Local; Save the Black Rhino; etc.]
- **There are all kinds of causes we can choose to get involved with and invest our time and money toward. How do you go about deciding whether or not to get involved with a cause?**

► FUEL UP

EXPLAIN

This week, we’re launching into a four-week series about a very particular cause that Jesus was all about. Before we dive in, let’s open in prayer.

Dear God, in our better moments we really do want to share your love with others and live lives that make a difference for You and for Your Kingdom. We want to know You and make You known. Help us take a step in that direction now as we unpack Your Word and explore Your call on our lives. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Could I please have three volunteers read the following verses for us? Luke 19:10, John 20:21 and Matthew 28:19-20. In each of these verses, Jesus is speaking. As you listen, see if you can spot the “cause” that was near and dear to His heart.

ASK

- **How would you describe this cause Jesus is talking about in your own words?**
[Reaching the lost with the gospel, making disciples who make disciples, A.K.A. The Great Commission]
- **Was this cause just something that Jesus was into, or did He pass it along to His followers with the expectation that they would be all about it too?**

Luke 19:10

[Jesus said,] *"For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."*

John 20:21

Again he [Jesus] said, *"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."*

Matthew 28:19-20

[Jesus said,] *"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

EXPLAIN

In many respects, this cause of making disciples who make disciples is the ultimate cause. Because this cause has the potential to change everything. When someone puts their trust in Christ and becomes a follower of Jesus, it not only changes the eternal destiny of their soul, it also changes how they live their life.

Truly devoted followers of Jesus will do the kinds of things Jesus did. They'll heal. They'll help. They'll serve. In short, they'll make the world a better place to live. And then, in turn, the disciple making process will multiply out as they introduce others to Jesus, too, who will do the same. Until everyone, everywhere not only hears the good news that Jesus died for them, but feels the good news poured out on them by the love of those of us who want to be like Jesus.

ASK

- **How many of you think that what I'm talking about here sounds like something we hire pastors and missionaries to do?**
- **Is it reasonable to expect ordinary people—and including teenagers—to do this? Why or why not?**
- **As a youth group, do you think we're currently doing a very good job living this out? Why or why not?**