In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus sends His twelve apostles two by two to cast out demons and to heal the sick (5:7-13). They are successful to some extent, until one day they run into a problem: Jesus, Peter, James, and John return from the Transfiguration to hear that some of Jesus’ disciples are unable to heal a possessed boy. After Jesus casts out the demon, His disciples ask Him, “Why could we not cast it out?” Jesus’ response: “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting” (9:28-29).

This was just the first step for the disciples. Eventually, they were given an even bigger task than casting out demons and healing the sick; they were told to make disciples of all nations. The task they began almost 2,000 years ago remains the task for the Church and for us today. It is easy for someone to look at a campus, a parish, or a neighborhood and think, “How are all of these people going to come to know and love Jesus Christ?”

Ultimately, the task of evangelization must begin with prayer. Pope Francis said, “Evangelization is done on one’s knees…. Without a constant relationship with God, the mission becomes a job. The risk of activism, of relying too much on structures, is an ever-present danger…. And the more the mission calls you to go out to the margins of existence, let your heart be the more closely united to Christ’s heart, full of mercy and love. Herein lies the secret of the fruitfulness of a disciple of the Lord!”

As Pope Francis beautifully notes, prayer is an integral part of evangelization. The more we seek to evangelize, the more we need to pray! So how do we pray for others in our evangelization efforts? Let’s look to the apostle Paul for inspiration.

St. Paul, a Model for Prayer and Evangelization
St. Paul preached the gospel to all kinds of cities and peoples in the Roman Empire. As he spread the gospel, he continued to pray for those he met, but he prayed for each in different ways according to their needs. In Paul’s letters, he describes the issues these groups face and the prayers that he offers for them.

First, he prayed for the lost.
There are people who did not grow up with the Faith and who do not know God or Jesus Christ. St. Paul met a lot of these people; in his Letter to the Romans, he writes, “Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved” (10:1). This should be our prayer for them as well.

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Second, he prayed for recent converts.
Paul traveled from city to city, gaining converts and writing them letters to encourage them. The Corinthians are a great example: They've converted, but Paul wants to make sure they don’t fall back into their old ways. In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes, “I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus…. He will also keep you firm to the end” (1 Corinthians 1:4-7). Paul is thankful and, through prayer, trusts that they will not fall away.

Third, he prayed for faithful disciples who are working through adversity.
We can see Paul’s encouragement for the Church in Thessalonica, too. They are disciples of the Lord, living in community and seeking to make disciples. St. Paul prays for them in this way, “We give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3). Rather than correcting them, Paul prays for their labor of love to spread the gospel.

Fourth, he prayed for his co-laborers, those who are making disciples.
We have two letters from Paul to St. Timothy. In his second letter, Paul writes, “You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2 Timothy 2:1-2). In order to accomplish this task, Paul writes, “I thank God whom I serve with a clear conscience, as did my fathers, when I remember you constantly in my prayers.” (2 Timothy 1:3). Paul prays constantly for Timothy to reach and equip others who will in turn lead others to do the same.

What’s in the Spiritual Multiplication Depth Chart?
Just like Paul, you probably know someone in each of these stages. Paul shows us that prayer was the heart of his evangelization, and FOCUS has created a tool called the Spiritual Multiplication Depth Chart to help prayer be the heart of your evangelization as well.

The Depth Chart contains five different stages so that you can pray for these people in different ways. These five stages closely match the different groups of people Paul was praying for. (The Depth Chart is attached to this document.)

Here are the five stages from left to right:
- New Contacts
- Meaningful Contacts
- Beginning/Growing Disciples
- Commissioned Disciples
- Disciple Makers

At the top of the Spiritual Multiplication Depth Chart, you will find the words “Win, Build, Send” with different phrases underneath. “Win, Build, Send” is a model that FOCUS uses to reach out to college students on campus. The phrases before each word are a part of FOCUS’ Main Thing to help describe what each stage of the model looks like, as well as how to help people in each stage.

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How to Use the Spiritual Multiplication Depth Chart

To get started, divide the people in your life into these stages. Keep in mind that placing people in stages doesn’t define their relationship with God; it merely helps you to pray for them in the best way you know how. It may be self-explanatory, but New Contacts are people you meet. You want to pray that you are able to connect with them again. Meaningful Contacts are people you have seen at least a few times. You probably know their names and some information about them. The final three stages match up with the Discipleship Road Map. The biggest difference between a Meaningful Contact and a Beginning/Growing Disciple is that a Beginning or Growing Disciple has made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as the center of his life. Don’t just assume someone fits in one of these last three stages; if you are able, sit down with that person and walk him through the Discipleship Road Map. (For more, go to FOCUSEquip.org and read the article “How to Use the Discipleship Road Map.”)

After you have placed at least five people on the Depth Chart, you will want pray for them each day during your prayer time. Prayer will be the fuel for any of the evangelization you will have. Ask God to help them grow deeper in their love of Jesus and His mission, and to give you guidance as you help them reach their goal. As you continue praying, people might move into and out of different stages, which you can track on your Depth Chart.

The Spiritual Multiplication Depth Chart can be used in a number of different ways. It can be as informal as outlining the chart by hand on a sheet of scrap paper, or you can use the chart attached to this document. In addition, FOCUS has a program called Acts 2:47 that can help you keep track of your groups online; just go to acts.focus.org to find out more. (If you are at a FOCUS campus or are working with the Digital Campus, ask your missionary how you can access this website.)

We hope that the Discipleship Road Map can help you make prayer the heart of your evangelization. We will be praying for you as you seek to reach people for the gospel.
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