

GO MOVEMENT



# GO GUIDE

**& LEADER EDITION**

| A Resource For Leading Others In Evangelism

# WE ALL GO TOGETHER.



**Here's the good news about sharing the good news: we don't have to do it alone. We all GO together. Each of us in our own place, in our own language, in our own way. We believe in this so much that we made it part of our tagline.**

**Everyone can reach someone. Together, we can reach the world.**

We are with you, and we understand that you carry a lot of responsibility as a leader in the Body of Christ. One of the ways that GO Movement serves pastors and churches is by providing resources to help you lead your community in walking out the Great Commission. That's what this Leaders GO Guide is all about.

Here's a preview:

## 1. Opportunity Snapshot

First, we'll give you a snapshot of involvement opportunities for your ministry.

## 2. Equipping Resources

Second, we've included a resource for equipping believers in the work of evangelism with a 5-week suggested plan of action.

## 3. Ongoing Inspiration

Third, we'll follow up weekly by email and on social media with more to share with your community: stories of God moving around the world, outreach ideas, and mobilization initiatives within our global network.

**Plan it your way.** Every community of believers is different: location, culture, language, and spiritual climate all play a role in how evangelism and discipleship are undertaken. This guide was designed with the goal that you would be able to adapt it for your own ministry's needs. Pray about how you can apply these methods in your ministry. Keep it simple, and consider what will work best for your community.

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# OPPORTUNITY SNAPSHOT

## GO MONTH

The first GO was commissioned between Easter and Pentecost (Matt. 28:16–20). In our modern calendar, that timespan falls during the month of May. In the spirit of Jesus's first command to GO, May has become a significant month symbolic of the original GO movement.

It's during the month of May (GO Month) that we are encouraging leaders and pastors to lean into evangelism efforts within their ministries using the Prayer-Care-Share method. We recommend leading your community through GO Month with this 5-week message plan:

**Week 1** - Invitation

**Week 2** - Prayer

**Week 3** - Care

**Week 4** - Share

**Week 5** - GO\*

\* Culminating with GO Day on Saturday, May 27th

All of the resources provided in this guide and in the weeks to come are focused on intentional outreach during this time period.

## 10 DAYS OF PRAYER BEFORE PENTECOST

**May 18th – 27th:** In preparation for GO Day, millions of believers are praying for the Global Harvest as the disciples did in the upper room 2,000 years ago. Consider leading your community in focused prayer for the Global Harvest on these ten days.

## GO DAY

**Saturday, May 27th:** Join 120 million believers on GO Day in sharing the Gospel. Mobilize your people to share their faith with at least one person, organize believers into pairs or groups for planned outreach, or schedule an outreach event.

## GO DECADE

**Sunday, May 28th:** Prayer for the GO Decade. Our goal is to inspire, strengthen, and connect Jesus-followers worldwide to "GO and make disciples of all nations" by 2033. We'll share more information about this initiative at our Sunday live event.



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# EQUIPPING RESOURCES

## WEEK 1: INVITATION

The Prayer-Care-Share approach to evangelism is a widely-used and trusted framework for churches and ministries worldwide. We'll be sharing in this guide how to walk others through this method throughout the month of May. In week 1, introduce the Prayer-Care-Share approach with this inspirational note and invitation:

**And** is an important word for followers of Jesus.

There's a well-known story about Jesus where "and" becomes especially significant. You might know the one we're talking about...

Shortly after Jesus' resurrection, Jesus goes up on a mountain with His disciples and gives them a commission to carry out. This commission was His final, great instruction to His closest group of friends before He ascended into Heaven.

**"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you...' "**

—MATTHEW 28:18-20A

The part of this historical moment that is indispensable for our generation is what comes next. Because after giving His Great Commission, He says more: there's an "and" to take to heart before you "go."

**"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."**

—MATTHEW 28:20B

In other words, **you are not alone, friends**. When you go, I will be with you. Always. Even to the very end. It's a sure thing.

Think about that for a minute. No, really, pause here for a moment, close your eyes, and let that thought penetrate your heart...

**I am not alone. He is with me, always.**

### NOW TURN THAT PROMISE INTO A PRAYER:

"God, I thank you that you have not left me alone. Even when I can't see you, you are with me. When I obey and 'go,' you are with me. I don't have to be afraid. I don't need all the right words. I don't have to do it by myself. You are with me. Help that truth take root in my heart in a deeper way. Help me to know who to share this hope with. Enable me to see those around me with new eyes. Turn my fear into hope for someone's eternal destiny."



### WEEK 1 CHALLENGE

Ask your group or congregation: Who can you invite to do this with you? Think of one other believer that you can ask to commit to personal evangelism alongside you this month. Seek that person out and invite them to join you in GO Month.



## 02 Equipping Resources

## WEEK 2: PRAYER

**First things first—we always begin with prayer. In week 2, lead your spiritual community to commit to praying for those around them who don't yet know Jesus.**

When Jesus gave that call to GO, He promised to be with us. And we need Him with us, because only God has the power to save.

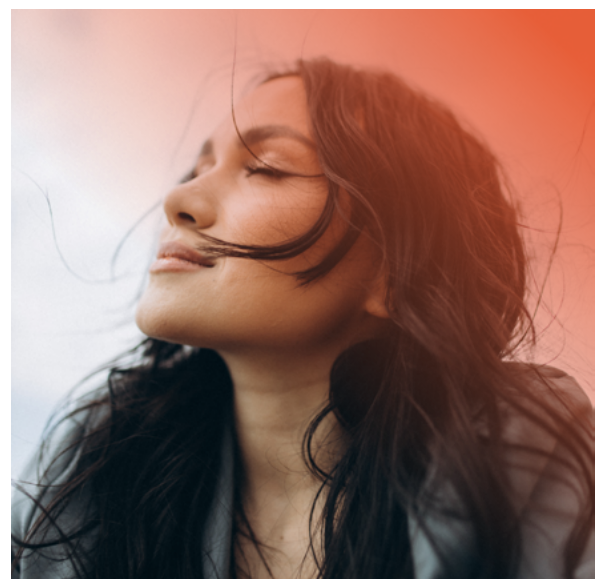
In Matthew 6 (a couple of years before Jesus gives His GO commission), Jesus teaches His disciples how to pray. In verse 6, He says, “But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen.”

Notice that He doesn't say **if** you pray ... but **when** you pray. For a follower of Jesus, it's important that our starting point—the greatest and most important conversation of our life—is prayer. It's our lifeline. It keeps us humbly aware of our need for God, gives us boldness to speak his Word, and provides the source of strength that keeps us from burning out over decades of life.

Jesus doesn't expect us to come with lots of words or impressive sentences. In fact, He asks us not to (Matthew 6:7–8). He understands the language of our hearts. He wants us to talk to Him the way we would a close friend, or a loving dad or mentor.

So before you begin intentionally talking to others about God, let's start by praying for them. Ask God to highlight 5 (or more) people in your life who don't currently know Jesus. Think of your friends, family, school, workplace, or neighborhood. Write down their names and commit to pray for them daily. (We'll call these your “5.”)

Then, use the below Bible verses as a starting point for prayer. If the Lord puts other prayers or verses on your heart, pray those for your 5, as well!



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# 5 PRAYERS FOR YOUR 5

## 1. Direct the heart

God, I pray that you would direct \_\_\_\_\_'s heart toward the comprehension of your love, and that you would instill in them perseverance that comes from Jesus. Glorify your Word and let your Word run directly to their heart. Cause \_\_\_\_\_ to see the beauty and power of your Word. (2 Thessalonians 3:1–5, Isaiah 55:11)

## 2. Lead to repentance

I pray in Jesus's name for an open heart as you reveal yourself to \_\_\_\_\_ in truth. Cause \_\_\_\_\_ to be able to see you rightly, not as the world wrongly portrays you. I pray that this revelation would produce repentance in \_\_\_\_\_'s heart. (Acts 16:14, Luke 24:45)

## 3. Cause faith to grow

Establish and ground \_\_\_\_\_ in the mind blowing love of God that passes their ability to understand. Give \_\_\_\_\_ faith to believe in you, so that Jesus can dwell in their heart and they can experience the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:16–19)

## 4. Reveal Jesus

God, I ask that you would give \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom and revelation to see you and the hope that we have in Christ. Reveal the transforming beauty of Jesus and the church's destiny in God. (Ephesians 1:17–19)

## 5. Give boldness

God, I thank you that you have not given me a spirit of fear, but of love, power, and a sound mind. Help me to boldly speak the truth about you to those around me. Open a door for me to speak about Jesus in conversation with \_\_\_\_\_. Let \_\_\_\_\_'s heart be softened to see the mystery of God's love toward them. (Acts 4:24–31, Romans 1:16, Colossians 4:2–4, 2 Timothy 1:7)

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## I WILL PRAY FOR MY 5

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Get the **GO Pray for Five** card below or use your own way to write down your five names.

[Download](#)
[gomvmt.us](https://gomvmt.us)


## WEEK 2 CHALLENGE

Encourage every believer to write down 5 names and commit to praying for those 5 people every day throughout the month of May. Gather into small groups to pray for each person on people's lists.

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## WEEK 3: CARE

**In week 3, we are looking to Jesus's example in how He cared for people and walked alongside those around Him.**

While Jesus spoke the truth boldly and prayed to the Father for His friends (John 17), He also listened to people as they shared the most painful parts of their lives with him. He sat down and shared meals with them. He healed sick bodies, hearts, and minds.

If we want to follow in Jesus's footsteps, we need to intentionally get to know others and serve them. Many nonbelievers have been hurt in the past by people in the Church. Let's acknowledge those wounds by committing to care and serve the way Jesus does.

**Here are some simple ideas to get you started:**

- Try inviting your friend to a meal, or ask to join them in something they like doing for fun.
- Ask them questions about themselves and the things they love.
- If they're having a bad day, offer to help in a practical way.
- As people share their needs and stories with you, watch for specific ways you could serve them. For example, can you help someone with their homework, pick up something at the store for them, or mow their yard?
- Show that you notice the people around you. A text, a smile, a handwritten card, or a small gift can make a big impact and make them feel seen.

**"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us..."**

—2 CORINTHIANS 5:18–20A

This approach takes time and intentionality, but it is so worth it! **The greatest desire of the human heart is to be genuinely known and genuinely loved.** Let's demonstrate the love of Jesus to others.



## WEEK 3 CHALLENGE

Encourage those in your ministry to show someone on their "My 5" list that they care. Brainstorm together additional ways to show care and add them to the list of ideas included in this section. Consider how people in your ministry can come together to bless your larger community in a corporate way.

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## WEEK 4: SHARE

**Week 4 is about practical ways to speak the name of Jesus to those around us.**

Sharing Jesus starts with praying for your 5 and serving them in the day-to-day aspects of life—but it can't end there. Our acts of love pave the way for us to speak the name of Jesus. Our testimony is then strengthened by our actions that show we believe what we say.

Spending time with someone builds a relational bridge that allows you to have those deeper conversations. Be okay with the time it takes to build that bridge with your 5 people. (The stronger the bridge, the deeper those conversations can go.) Over time, ask God for help in bringing up spiritual questions that shift the conversation towards him.

As God gives the opportunity, share the Gospel in a clear and concise way. Statistics show that the majority of people are actually willing to engage in a spiritual conversation! You can be courageous yet loving when talking with others.

As you commit to share about Jesus with your 5, ask God to give you a deeper love for His Word. Pray that He would help you see your 5 the way that He sees them. Once you start connecting to the compassionate and patient heart of God towards them, you can't help but want to share about the promise of eternal life.

We have found the secret to life! How can we hold that in? It's like the cry of Jeremiah:

**"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" —ROMANS 10:14**



## WEEK 4 CHALLENGE

Share The Four video series with your group or congregation. Challenge believers to take this Gospel framework and share it with their 5.

## The Four

Here are four simple steps and symbols to explain the Gospel and engage conversation.



**"Then I said, 'I will not make mention of Him, nor speak anymore in His name.' But His word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, and I could not." —JEREMIAH 20:9**



## 02 Equipping Resources

## WEEK 5: GO

➤ What if for one day a year, we do what Jesus told us to do? Our GO changes someone's eternal destiny.



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## TESTIMONY

Today I asked the gas station cashier how her day was going so far. She responded with an OK. I asked if I could pray for her. She looked a bit shocked but quickly responded, sincerely, “Yes. You can.” With tears in her eyes she asked for prayer for her anxiety. After I prayed she grabbed both of my hands and thanked me. I asked her if she knew if she was going to heaven. She said, “yes!” I asked how she knew and she responded, “I want to go there because my Dad and my Grandpa are there.” I explained how we can know if we are going to heaven, I explained the gospel to her. We went through bible verses together. I asked, ‘now that you know what you know, is there any reason that you wouldn’t want to ask Jesus for His free gift of salvation?’ We prayed together and she accepted Christ as her savior today.

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## TESTIMONY

Working out at my gym, I got to know one of the coaches. In conversation, I had mentioned how working out is a way I want to honor God. Through more discussions and getting to know each other more, I extended an invitation to breakfast. At breakfast, I had my Bible Study with me. Once she arrived, she asked what I was reading, and I was able to share more about my faith story. Then I asked her if she had a story of life change. She replied no. The Lord opened the door for me to share the Gospel. I asked her if she wanted to have an opportunity to pray to receive Christ into her life, and she did! Praise the Lord! We are now meeting and keeping in communication as she wants to learn more and be disciplined.

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## WEEK 5: GO

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## TESTIMONY

About a week ago I met Brad at the dog park. I prayed for his mom who was in the hospital. He has pretty much thrown his life away, drinks a lot. We had a good conversation there, and have been texting since. We met yesterday again at the dog park, and had a really good conversation. He is SO close to giving his life to Jesus. He is desperate for something that will change his life!! I gave him a Gospel card and told him to study the verses and next time we are together we can talk about them. He was very agreeable to that, and even asked for another one for his mom.

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## TESTIMONY

I was challenged to reach a person a day in the month of May. First I was overwhelmed by this task but I laid it into God's hands and simply started on the first day. Soon enough I realized that this task is heavy to carry alone, so I asked a friend if he is willing to join me. Since then we've shared the Gospel almost daily and it becomes lighter and lighter, day by day.

It's so amazing to see how God is using us, even if we are not always feeling good or happy when we go. But after we started the first conversation, God is shifting something in our hearts and his love is starting to flow through us into the hearts of the European (mostly atheists) people.

—SK



## WEEK 5 CHALLENGE

Share the [GO Day 2023](#) video with your group or congregation. Challenge them to engage in evangelism on GO Day (Saturday, May 27) in pairs or small groups. Consider organizing a ministry event to send believers out on GO Day and gather back together afterward to share stories and celebrate.

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REACH SOMEONE.**

**TOGETHER,  
WE CAN REACH  
THE WORLD.**





**WE ARE NOT ALONE.  
LET'S GO TOGETHER.**

03

# ONGOING INSPIRATION

➤ Throughout this month, we'll be following up with stories and resources to inspire you as you lead those in your ministry to pray, care for, and share with those around them. Follow us on social media for daily inspiration on your journey of May.

## GLOBAL

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