

The 4-14 Window The Deeper Moves of God

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ALL TOPICS ASSIGNMENT: Read; Pray; Collaborate: Spouse; Mentors; Teams

4-14 WINDOW: People at the ages of 4-14.

4-14 STRATEGY: Focusing mission efforts on the 4-14 Window when most come to Christ in salvation, become natural bridges of the gospel to parents, and entire families can be discipled to be on mission, grow churches, and honor God. (John 15:16)

4-14 MOVEMENT: A growing global movement of over 20 years of churches, ministries, and practitioners setting their sails for the winds of the Spirit of the 4-14 window & strategy in over 50 countries!

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TOPIC 3: 3 Progressive Keys to Sharing Hearts.(Sermon on the Mount)[] Comfort * Affirm * Reveal * The Stuck BBs Bar Graph

TOPIC 4: 4 Deep Hearts of Worship. Isa. 6; Psalm 150; Rom. 8; Matt. 11 [] Majestic *Celebrative *Intimate *Broken; No more Worship Wars!

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Romans 2:4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? [] Matthew 9:36 Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. [] Matthew 18:2, 5 And He called a child to Himself and set him before them and said, ... 5 And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me;

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Daniel 1:3-4, 8 Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, the chief of his] officials, to bring in some of the sons of Israel, including some of the royal family and of the nobles, 4 youths in whom was no defect, who were good-looking, showing intelligence in every branch of wisdom, endowed with understanding and discerning knowledge, and who had ability for serving in the king's court; and he ordered him to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans... 8 But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king's choice food or with the wine which he drank; so he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself.

John 1:1, 14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us

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John 4:34-36 Jesus *said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work. 35 Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.

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Ephesians 5:31-32 For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh (weave). 32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

TOPIC 1: 7 Hidden Things the Blind & Bind Our Hearts (Poopy backs)

[] Wounds *Defenses *Coping *Roles *Addictions *Biases *Fallacies

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is more deceitful than all else and desperately sick; Who can understand it? [] 2 Corinthians 4:4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving ...

I John 2:11 (He) does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes. [] John 16:33 In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

TOPIC 2: 3 Heavy Challenges in Dealing with Change. (COVID era) [] Grief (5 stages) * Resistance (6 types) * Disagreement (3 Ways)

Exodus 16:1-4 Then they set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the sons of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departure from the land of Egypt. 2 The whole congregation of the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 3 The sons of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." 4 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether or not they will walk in My instruction. John 14: 1 Let not your heart be troubled... (Good Good Father, Chris Tomlin)

TOPIC 3: 4 Fruits & Focuses for Abiding Ministry.

[] Last days focus: Pray * Love * Serve * Speak

(Simplicity on the other side of complexity; Crossing roads)

John 15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

I Peter 4:7-11 The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of **prayer**. 8 Above all, keep fervent in your **love** for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Be hospitable to one another without complaint. 10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in **serving** one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 Whoever **speaks**, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God . . . so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ,

TOPIC 4: 5 Deeper Dives into God's Heart. Portraits of God

1. Compassionate Savior. Matthew 9:36 Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.

2. Gentle Teacher. Matthew 19:14 But Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

3. Gracious Master. 2 Timothy 2:24 The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged 25 with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth...

_"Keep on swimming. Keep on swimming ..." _____

4. Loving Father/Bridegroom. (Eph. 5:31-32) Romans 8:37-39 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

5. Fruitful Oneness. (John 15:5) Colossians 1:26-27 the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, 27 to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. (New Creations; Butterflies)



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Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to them—for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account.

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Colossians 1:18 He is also the **head of the body**, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

Ephesians 4:11-12 And He gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, some as **pastor-teachers**, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry.

I Peter 5:1-4. Therefore I urge elders among you, as your fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and one who is also a fellow partaker of the glory that is to be revealed: **shepherd the flock of God** among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not with greed but with eagerness; nor yet as domineering over those assigned to your care, but by proving to be examples to the flock.

Acts 6:2-3 So the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables. 3 Instead, brothers and sisters, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task.

TOPIC 2: 10 Prayer Pathways to Church Healing.

2 Timothy 2:24-26 The bond-servant of the Lord must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, 25 with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will. -2 Timothy 2:24-26

10 PRAYERS, HEART TO HEART

Lord Jesus . . .

- 1. Has my heart been more like a bond-servant or a power-player? The Wins & Losses? Competitive or Cooperative?
- 2. Have I been quarrelsome or approachable with others? Debate or Discussion? Town Hall or Debate? Make case?
- 3. Have I been kind, or dismissive of others? People to be pastored or Cancer to remove? Listening or Deflecting?
- 4. Have I been able to teach, or become demanding? Carefully explain & reassure or Curtly pressure and remove?
- 5. Have I been graciously patient, or mostly defensive when wronged? Defensive deflection & retaliation or Patient listening & reflection?
- 6. Have I been gentle, or irritated when correcting others? Healing salve or Hurtful stab? People or Pets?
- 7. Is my heart open to Your repentance, or closed by my self-justification? Gift of repentance or Earning repentance? (7 Hidden Things. Lesson 2. T1)
- 8. Am I open to humbling truth, or closed with one dimensional thinking? Air-tight argument in a vacuum or Aired-out discussion with others?
- **9. Am I coming to my senses, or still clueless of my blind spots?** Open to hear and heal or Closed to be blind and bound?
- 10. Am I escaping or trapped in the snare of the devil's lies and deception? Spiritual warfare is mostly "in here" not "out there."

TOPIC 3: 3 Progressive Keys to Sharing Hearts. (Stuck BB's Bar Graph)

- 1. COMFORT: Matthew 5: 1-12 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. 2 And He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying, 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit... Mourn... Gentle... Hunger/Thirst (Sermon on the Mount)
- 2. AFFIRM: Matthew 5: 13-14, "You are the salt of the earth... 14 "You are the light of the world." (Sermon on the Mount)
- **3. REVEAL:** Matthew 5: 1, 27 "You have heard that it was said . . . but I say to you . . . (Sermon on the Mount)

TOPIC 4: 4 Deep Hearts of Worship. (The Cove Conf.; No Worship Wars!)

- **1. MAJESTIC:** Isaiah 6:1 I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple.
- **2. CELEBRATIVE:** Psalm 150:5-6, Praise Him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath shall praise the Lord.
- 3. INTIMATE: Romans 8:15 but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons and daughters by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"
- **4. BROKEN/HUMBLE:** Luke 7:44 Turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair."



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Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it. [] **Proverbs 3:1** My son, do not forget my teaching, but have your heart comply ...

TOPIC 1: 4 Key Stages of Parenting & Leading. Teens Hearts! Our book.

[] <u>5 Challenges</u>:

Inconsistency * Ignorance * Insecurity * Immaturity * Inflexibility [] <u>4 Stages</u>: Captain *Coach *Counselor *Consultant Faucet Principle

I Corinthians 13:11 When I was a child, I used to speak as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. [] Colossians 3:21 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.

TOPIC 2: 8 Basic Reasons Why Kids Disobey. (God, do you think ...?)

[] Physiological Hindrance	[] Slothf
[] Childish Inattentiveness	[] Temp
[] Childish Forgetfulness	[] Overp
[] Dominant Enthusiasm	[] Willful

Slothful Apathy
 Temporary Testing Mode
 Overpowering Temptation
 Willful/Deceptive Rebellion

Colossians 3:20 Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. [] **Proverbs 4:1** Listen, my sons, to the instruction of a father, And pay attention so that you may gain understanding... [] **Proverbs 29:15** The rod and reproof give wisdom, But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.

TOPIC 3: 5 Stages of the Division Virus.

[] Doubts * Distrust * Distancing * Distortion * Division

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?" [] **Acts 15:12, 37-40** All the people kept silent, and they were listening to Barnabas and Paul as they were relating what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles. . Barnabas wanted to take John, called Mark, along with them also. 38 But Paul kept insisting that they should not take him along who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. 39 And there occurred such a sharp disagreement that they separated from one another, and Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. 40 But Paul chose Silas and left, being committed by the brethren to the grace of the Lord.

TOPIC 4: 7 Different Heart-wired Gifts & Languages. Romans 12

Base paint & colored drops = Unique colors! Eagle boss story. Learn your children/student/spouse/friend's heart-gift languages!

PROPHECY/Eagle: Declaring the black & white heart truths of GodTEACHING/Tiger: Explaining the comprehensive insights of GodEXHORTATION/Dolphin: Motivating others to apply God's truths

ADMINISTRATION/Ant: Organizing and mobilizing others for ministry

SERVICE/Squirrel: Performing tasks backstage for others & God's glory GIVING/Honey Bee: Distributing the tangible gifts of God to others MERCY/Dove: Comforting others of their high value in God's eyes

Romans 12:6-8 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; 7 if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; 8 or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, (admin.) with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.