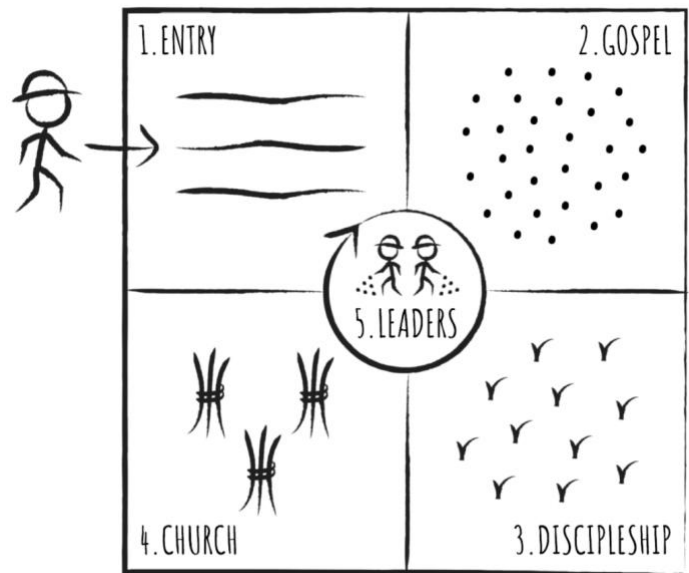


Four Fields

We observe throughout the gospels that Jesus modeled a pattern for reaching lostness in a community that the disciples and apostles followed in the book of Acts. There were five parts of Jesus' strategy. Before we walk through the five parts, a story may help.

There once was a farmer who entered into an empty field where there was nothing growing. He does what every good farmer would do, sews seeds. He does not just saw them sparingly but broadly, all over the field. Now, the farmer cannot cause the seed to sprout, but once they do sprout there are things he can do to help it grow and mature, like make sure it gets water and enough sunlight. Once the crop is fully grown, the farmer puts the sickle to it and gathers it together. He then takes some of the new seeds from the harvest and uses it to cause the process to reproduce, over and over again.



1. Entry

The empty field represents the lostness. This step identifies who to engage and how to engage them?

Tool: [Oikos Map](#) (Click to learn how to make an ikos map).

2. Gospel

The seeded field represents sharing the gospel. This step requires you to go out and share the good news of Jesus in a simple, effective and reproduceable way.

Tool: [3 Circles](#), [One Minute Testimony](#) (Click to learn how to share 3 circles and your testimony).

3. Discipleship

The sprouting crops represent people who have decided to follow the Way of Jesus. This step involves walking along side of and teaching new believers how to grow in relationship with Jesus, including living out His Great Commission.

Tool: [Discovery, Immediate, Long-Term Discipleship](#) (Click to learn our discipleship making pathway and resources for discipling others).

4. Church

The bushelled grains represent followers of Jesus who are committed to meeting together. This step gathers believers together to form a church that encourages and cares for one another, worships Jesus together, and grows in their identity in Christ.

Tool: [Church](#)

5. Leaders

The farmers in the middle represent leaders. This step revolves around identifying and developing leaders so that the whole thing can reproduce, multiplying God's Kingdom.

Tool: [Leader Discipleship](#) (Click to learn how to disciple Home Church leaders)