Oikos Map
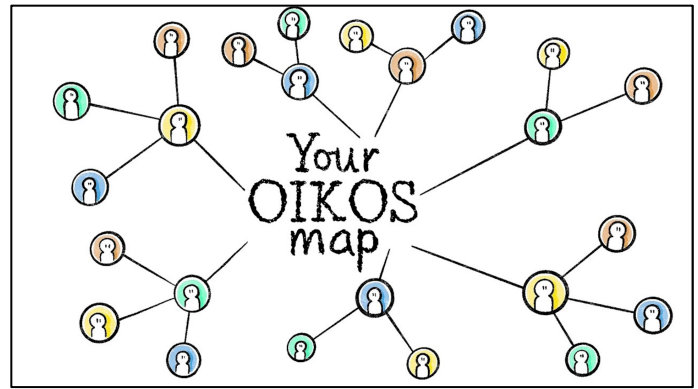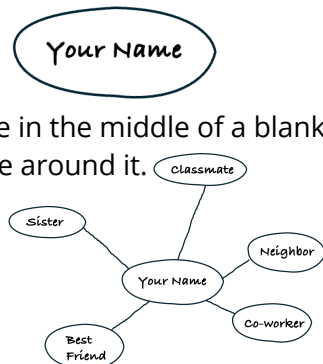
Oikos is a Greek word that means "household". It can be thought of as the people in your sphere of influence or relational network.
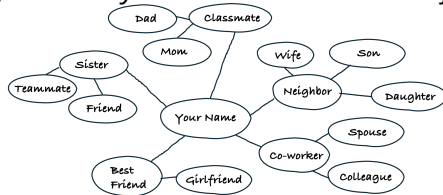

1. Your Name

Write your name in the middle of a blank sheet of paper and draw a circle around it.

2. Their Name

Think of (and ask Holy Spirit to reveal) people i n your life who are far from God, such as family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, classmates, teammates, etc. Put each name in a circle around the page with a line connecting to you.

Example: I've got a cousin named Jan who is not following Jesus. I also have a neighbor named Rick, a co-workers named Sally, and a good buddy named Tom who are all far from God.

3. Multiplication

Add people who each of the above may reach if they became a Christian using lines to connect to that person. Understand the potential multiplication impact they could have on others, starting with you sharing with them.

Example: Jan loves to play tennis with Meg, who does not believe in Jesus. I also know Rick goes fishing every weekend with Chad and Steve, both of them are far from God. Sally from work goes out to dinner with her department once a week, and Tod's girlfriend, Brooke, is not following Jesus.

4. Prayer & Share

What you have created is a prayer map. Begin to pray regularly for the people on your Oikos Map and intentionally seek opportunities to share the Gospel with them.

Example: "God we thank you for how much you love us. We thank you for how you love the people in our city and these people that you've placed in our lives. We lift them up to you and ask that Holy Spirit would draw them close. I pray that you would give us the boldness to go and to share with them and that they would respond in faith and experience the life that you have for them. We ask that our families, friends, neighbors, workplaces, communities and cities would experience a relationship with you and commit to your mission of making disciples who make disciples, starting with these names on our oikos maps. We pray all of this in Jesus name, Amen."