

LESSON 9: ORGANIZING AN ACT OF LOVE

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MODULE 1

Step 1: Prayer

The first thing to do is to pray. Take time now to pray. Ask God to show you what you should do for your Act of Love. Make sure you take a few minutes of silence to listen to God.

Step 2: Selecting an Activity

As a group, decide what you could do as an Act of Love. Did God give any inspiration? If anyone has any ideas of what would make a good Act of Love, ask them to share. Also look at some of the ideas that you listed in Lesson 5: God wants the church to help and Lesson 6: What are some needs we can help with. Together, agree on what you feel God is leading you to do.

Once you have selected a topic, make sure it is something that you can do in just one day. Some groups choose something too big. Keep thinking until you have something you can do in one day, using local resources, and involving as many people as possible.

If you are making plans in small groups, have each group share their idea and get feedback from the others.

- Does it show love?
- Is it small and simple?
- Can it be done using resources you have available?
- Does it involve as many people as possible?

Step 3: Prepare a plan

Answer the following questions:

- What are you going to do?
- What resources do you need? Where will you get those things? Who will get them?

- Who are you going to help?
- Who is going to participate in helping? Who will invite everyone?
- What date are you going to do it?

Step 4: Pray

Once you have finished writing the plan, take time to pray again. Ask God to help you complete the project and to multiply the results. Pray that His name may be glorified. During the next week or two, while you are preparing for your project, you should be praying that God will help you with the project.

Step 5: Do the Project

The next step is to do the project that you planned. Start the day with prayer and dedicate your efforts to God. Remember that you are doing this project to demonstrate God's love to your community. Try to maintain an attitude that matches this goal.

Step 6: Evaluate and Report

The final step is to report and evaluate. Why do we need to evaluate? Because it helps us to learn. We can think about what we did well and what we can do to improve next time. It doesn't need to be a long process; you can just take a few minutes to discuss these questions:

- What went well?
- What didn't go well?
- What improvements could you make to the plan?
- Was the response as you intended? If not, why not?
- Was God glorified?