



# Creating Your Strategy

## *How to Reach Your City*

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Thank you for watching the **Creating Your Strategy: *How to Reach Your City*** video. Let us now take time to discuss and reflect on the video.

Please complete this exercise as a Group. Start with a prayer.

### **MIXER:** *Connecting Stories*

The mixer starts with an OYiM sharing a brief story about themselves. For example, they could share how they became a Seventh-day Adventist, when they learned that God was real and personal, or they could keep it light with an embarrassing or funny experience they had. When they are finished another OYiM tells a story about themselves that connects somehow with the story they just heard (They can be as creative with the connection as they want). Do this until everyone who wants to share has a chance to do so. This will help the OYiM team get to know each other and show how their experiences connect them to each other.

### **PRAYER:** *Alphabet Twist*

Have the team pray through the Alphabet. Of course, the prayer would begin with an “A” and everyone would need to pray for something that begins with this letter. The twist is that it needs to be related somehow to the OYiM Mission. The facilitator can throw out the letters as he/she sees fit so that the prayer moves forward in a reasonable amount of time. This can be fun and encourages young people to be creative with their prayers and to focus them on the mission ahead.

### **VIDEO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What are the six steps to building your OYiM strategy?

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2. Why is prayer and submission to God important?

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3. How do you know when a plan is a “God plan?”

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4. How can your OYiM team effectively survey your city?

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5. What should OYiM Missionaries be known for in the community?

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6. What does it mean to reach the “Rahabs” in your city?

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7. How does God reach the cities of the world?

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8. What was Christ’s method of reaching lost people?

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9. Why is OYiM a team initiative?

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10. What is the ultimate goal of OYiM?

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11. What might your team leave behind at the end of the year?

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12. Where do we see the Three Angel's Message in the story of Jericho?

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13. How is the Three Angels Message a message of hope and warning?

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## **BIBLE STUDY AND DISCUSSION**

1. Read through Joshua 6 and share any relevant ideas for OYiM you discover.
2. Read John 4 and discuss how Jesus reached an entire city one soul at a time.
3. Read Revelation 14 and discuss how the 3 Angels Message brings hope and warning.

## **STRATEGY: *Making Your Plan***

Based on what you have learned, share some ideas you have about how to get started in effectively reaching your city. Then as a team turn these ideas into some action steps and assign a timeline for each. Remember though, that God is in charge, so be prepared to adjust your plans if necessary and as God directs. Also, always work closely with your OYiM leaders and Youth Directors, with their support you will have greater success!