

# W.I.L.D.E.R.N.E.S.S Objectives

These objectives are steps to get toward your ABCDE outcomes. For example, in a soccer game the outcome or “end” you hope for is to *win* the game. Each goal you score is an objective toward that end. In ministry our vision, hopes, and dreams are the desired outcomes and the daily work of evangelism and discipleship consists of objectives or goals we can faithfully work on to move toward those desired outcomes as ambassadors of Christ. Our 10 W.I.L.D.E.R.N.E.S.S. objectives are more focused steps to help us move toward the ABCDE desired outcomes for your trip. For a more expanded explanation, refer to chapter 6 in *Christian Outdoor Leadership*.

<b>W</b>	The four basic questions imbedded in one’s worldview are: 1) Where did I come from? 2) What is the meaning of life? 3) How do I determine right from wrong? 4) What happens to me after I die? (Titus 2:11-14)	<b>WORLDVIEW</b>
<b>I</b>	Jesus retreated to the wilderness often for blessing and preparation for spiritual conflict. Luke shows how the <i>wilderness was a place of preparation for conflict with Satan</i> . Jesus also retreated to the wilderness before handling the spiritual burden of healing the multitudes.	<b>INTERCESSION</b>
<b>L</b>	The sky is the limit: We could use the week to demonstrate a Biblical understanding of how to form and carry out a vision or we could emphasize how to lead, motivate and empower others to get involved and participate in what God is doing in their midst.	<b>LEADERSHIP</b>
<b>D</b>	You may want to focus on the fruit of the Spirit, or how we are called to show mercy and pursue justice for vulnerable people in our world. Whichever angle we take, focusing on discipleship as a learning objective is to funnel our trail talks and discussions around how we are engaging our world for the glory of God.	<b>DISCIPLESHIP</b>
<b>E</b>	As followers of Jesus we want to bring the rain of the Gospel to dry and thirsty souls. There are a myriad of ways to share the Gospel effectively with young people in the context of a wilderness journey. For starters, write in a Gospel path through your Bible for easy reference.	<b>EVANGELISM</b>
<b>R</b>	Our lives are connected to a network of relationships. What should healthy family relationships look like? What do healthy relationships look like with friends, with your church, in your local community, across cultures? The wilderness is a laboratory for discovering God’s design for relationships.	<b>RELATIONSHIPS</b>
<b>N</b>	Wilderness therapy in the psychological sense is largely about identity formation and trust. In orienting our lives to Christ our True North, we find that He is the Great Physician and the Rock of our salvation. Focus on helping others sever old ties to behaviors or thinking patterns that have greatly damaged their relationship with God or others	<b>NURTURE</b>
<b>E</b>	Many heroes of missions got their vision from reading stories and biographies of other missionaries who had gone out before them. William Carey, is famous for saying, “Expect great things, attempt great things!” This learning objective focuses on how to infect others with the missionary spirit.	<b>EXPECT GREAT THINGS</b>
<b>S</b>	There are four main elements to our ongoing conversation with God: 1) We speak to Him, 2) We believe that He listens to us, 3) He speaks back to us, and 4) We exercise discipline to listen to Him. Conversational prayer often helps us reboot from the spiritual paralysis that comes from habitual disobedience or disbelief.	<b>SPIRITUAL FORMATION</b>
<b>S</b>	This learning objective focuses on critical thinking, decision-making and discerning the will of God. Sensible decision-making involves handling three types of knowledge: 1) Knowing what to do, 2) Knowing how to do it, and 3) Knowing when and why to do it.	<b>SCENARIOS</b>