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New Service/New Site Training Track



Unit 4 – Releasing the Gospel

Special welcome to the 5-10 new launch team members.
Should be 15-20 participants involved now.

Review sessions 1-3 #1 Overview, #2 Leading Change, #3 Strategic Planning,
Review overall themes: Leading Change, Strategic Planning, Team Building, Worship Impact,
Community Networking

Review where we have been:

- Last time: Clarifying the vision. “WHO” the new service will seek to reach. Developing community partnerships.
- This time: Community Networking.

SESSION 1: Getting Started	SESSION 2: Leading change	SESSION 3: Your Impact Area	SESSION 4: Gospel Transformation	SESSION 5: Aligning For Impact	SESSION 6: Internal Readiness	SESSION 7: Internal Readiness	SESSION 8: Refining Readiness	SESSION 9: External Readiness	SESSION 10: Equipping for growth
Overview, and how to recognize dynamics	Leading thru change strategy; why and how	Who is God really calling you to reach out to?	Leverage your gospel story.	Single focus to achieve the Mission	3 BIG WOWS; welcoming in your context	Teams & Groups: Systems that deliver	Optimal worship experience	Gathering a crowd	Apprentice and hand off
Adaptive Change	Pushback; steady focus	Turning our eyes outward.	Can't give what we don't got	Process ministry changes	Reframing worship for them.	Deepen infrastructure	Widen Infrastructure	Presenting a new image	Multiplication
Network and Invitation	Putting the mission back at the center	Forming community partners	Making my personal prayer list. The first 100.	Prayer partners The next 50 (total 150)	Prayer partners The next 50 (total 200)	Keep praying: The next 50 (total 250)	Prayer Next 50 (total 300) Community partnership	Prayer Next 50 (total 350) Bridge events	Personal Invites & promotion
Strategic planning	Developing trust and multiplication values.	Get clear about WHO Everything flows from WHO?	Praying and developing the art of neighboring.	Sync up model, resources with WHO	Best worship, hospitality kids min for target	Identifying teams and team/ small group leaders.	Preaching team, preview services & local impact	Promotions planning and bridge events.	Everyone equips others for ministry
Team building	Form your LEAD team.	First LAUNCH team tasks	Connecting prayer partners	Add the right WHO to launch team	Initial ministry teams forming	Beginning coaching relationships.	Empower leaders to develop disciples	Every team is oriented outward.	Develop new teams
Worship Impact	Preaching on vision and values.	Public prayer for a new mission	Preach on neighboring and evangelism	Keep preaching vision & values	Refine first worship impression	Empower leaders for quality.	Speaking so new people will listen.	Sustainable worship excellence.	Launching this new thing!
Launch Team #'s	5	10	15-20	20-25	25-30	30-35	35-40	40-45	40-50

Premise:

Starting a new worshipping community is about reaching new people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Releasing the gospel is most powerfully accomplished through the lives of people. The members of the Launch Team are part of that releasing influence.

The most attractive marketing growth strategy we have is a transformed life.

Purpose of this session is to empower you to share your faith. Based on the book *Unbinding the Gospel* by Martha Grace Reece.

What is the gospel?

I mean by 'preaching the gospel' preaching the love of God to sinners preaching the life, death, resurrection and intercession of Christ, with all the blessings which in consequence thereof are freely given to true believers. John Wesley 1751

I Corinthians 15: 1-4: I want you to be reminded of the gospel I preached to you that you received. What I received I passed on to you that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures and was buried and raised again according to the scriptures.

Unfortunately, often the Gospel can be reduced to a very narrow reality. Wesley gave emphasis to "all the blessings which are freely given to true believers".

What are the blessings that the gospel brings? 6 life impact narratives.

1. "A relationship with Christ gives life a sense of great purpose and direction"
2. "I used to live with fear and anxiety. Now I have hope."
3. "I felt so guilty. Now I feel free, forgiven and released."
4. "As a Christian I am part of a worldwide movement that lasts forever."
5. "My life was broken, a mess. Christ has healed me and restored me."
6. "I used to live my life just for me. Now I try to live like Christ."

There are many ways for us to get "hooked into" the gospel.



STOP THE VIDEO TO REFLECT/DISCUSS:

What "hooked you" on Jesus? Take some time to consider your personal faith journey. Which of the above 6 narratives do you relate to? Let the launch team discuss.

We cannot give what we haven't got. Identify with your transformation story!

Releasing the gospel begins with remembering what we have and "praying into that".

Which of the 6 gospel blessings speaks to your life most strongly?

How does your experience with Christ move you toward praying for others?

Who could you begin to pray for?

Develop a prayer list of individuals you could pray for.

Find a prayer partner from the Launch Team to meet with 1 time per week and pray.

Let prayer do the work.

Your job is to pray and be ready when opportunity comes.

AND WHAT IF IT DOES?

Opportunity comes knocking. Bear witness to your life story.

1. My life before Christ....my life now....
2. My experience without Christ....my experience with Christ....
3. My relationship with Christ....

Practice sharing your story with your prayer partner. Do it several times so that you can be relaxed when an opportunity takes place.



STOP THE VIDEO AND REFLECT/DISCUSS:

Forming a prayer partnership is an integral part of our launch process. This is the place for us to authentically enter into the transformational power of the gospel and the call to "go make disciples". Prayer is the key. Identify prayer partners and prepare to enter into the process of developing a prayer list (the WHO in our networks) and developing our faith story to share.

One way to make opportunity take place...

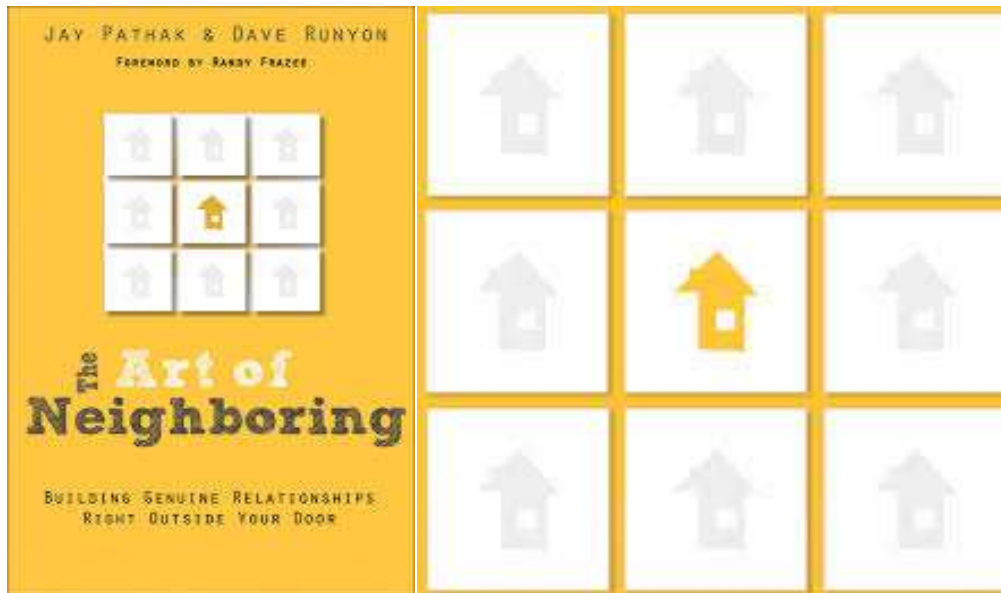
The Art of Neighboring.

The gospel flows through relationships that we have prayed about.

Jesus particularly directed us toward our neighbors.

Who are your neighbors?

Our neighbors are people God wants us to bless.....and to share our lives with.



1. Who are your neighbors....can you name them?
2. Turning strangers into acquaintances and acquaintances into friends.
3. Build relationships with neighbors over time.

Invitation to church

Let it come naturally through relationship and prayer over time.

Majority of Americans report that they would accept an invitation to church if it came from a friend. Only 2% of us will ever extend that. Thomas Rainer, The Unchurched Next Door.

Opportune times for invitation:

1. A new neighbor. *“Do you have a faith community?”*

2. A special season. *“Our church has a Christmas eve service, we would love to meet you and sit together.”*
3. A new series. *“Our pastor is speaking on a subject that you and I have been talking about. Would you like to join us?”*
4. A new service. *“We are forming a new faith community. I have been helping with the process and would like to invite you to come with me.”*



STOP THE VIDEO TO REFLECT/DISCUSS:

Developing relationships (neighboring) while developing our faith story, prayer list and new service/site is our part. We believe that the prevenient grace of God through the Holy Spirit is working ahead of us to open people to God in Christ. This is God’s work before it is ours.

How does this reality help you with the process?

ACTION AREAS:

1. Pair up each Launch Team person as prayer partners. Each partnership develops a list of names to pray for. Then connect weekly to pray for them as partners. Release them to this weekly practice.
2. Link each of the prayer teams to one of the community missional partnerships for prayer support. Support the mission project initiatives with prayer.
3. Each Launch Team partner to write out their own “personal transformation story”. How did/does the gospel transform you? Practice sharing that story with your prayer partner.
4. Coach each launch team partner to develop a Neighboring Grid and complete the grid with names. Prayer partners share their grid and what strategies are being used to move from Stranger to Acquaintance to Friend.
5. Develop a 3-5 week preaching/teaching series using the book, “Unbinding The Gospel” by Martha Reese combined with “The Art of Neighboring” by Pathak and Runyon.
6. Invite 5-10 additional people to your Launch Team similar to the underserved people you are seeking to reach.