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WELCOME!

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the Strategic Impact VISION SEMINAR! We are both excited and grateful you have come. Our team has been praying for you for months in preparation for this gathering.

It is our desire that our time together will be a blessing to you and a blessing to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We will be sharing how God has led our team to encourage and equip the body of Christ around the world with His vision for fulfilling the Great Commission. We will also share an overview of the Biblically-based model He has provided to carry out this calling.

Our prayer for this time is that you will be refreshed by the Holy Spirit, you will possess a clearer vision for your life and ministry, and you will be encouraged to join with us in reaching the world with the only hope of eternal life - the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thank you again for joining with us! It is our honor to be with you!

Sincerely,

The Strategic Impact Team

IDENTITY:

We are a movement of like-minded leaders, passionately committed to Jesus Christ and to each other for the fulfillment of His Great Commission.

VISION:

We exist to offer every person the only hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." - Matthew 28:18-20

MISSION:

We prayerfully identify and train Leaders to multiply Disciples who ignite Church Planting Movements everywhere.

"...and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." - 2 Timothy 2:2

STRATEGY:

We establish Leadership Teams in Strategic Cities of the world to multiply Church Planting Movements among every people group.

"(Paul) took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord." - Acts 19:9-10

PROCESS:

VISION SEMINAR (VS)
"SEE THE GREAT COMMISSION."
A one-day introduction to Strategic Impact.

LEADERSHIP THRUST (LT)
"EXPERIENCE THE GREAT COMMISSION."
A three-day intensive experience in personal growth, leadership, and church planting.

SCHOOL OF MULTIPLYING CHURCH PLANTERS (SMCP)
"LEARN AND LIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION."
A one-year team experience growing in Christ and multiplying church planters and churches.

SCHOOL OF MULTIPLYING LEADERS (SML)
"LEAD AND LAUNCH THE GREAT COMMISSION."
A one-year team experience multiplying leaders and church planting movements.

FAN-THE-FLAME SUMMIT (FTFS)
"MULTIPLY THE GREAT COMMISSION."
An annual three-day gathering for Staff, Leaders, and Multipliers to equip, encourage, and strategize in each major region of the world.

STRATEGIC IMPACT - VISION SEMINAR
SESSION 1 - "THE NEED FOR PASSIONATE AND VISIONARY GREAT COMMISSION LEADERS"

OVERVIEW:

Know: Pastors/Leaders will understand that God's passion for everyone to have the opportunity to respond to the only hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ requires passionate and visionary Great Commission Leaders.

Feel: Pastors/Leaders will feel compelled to give themselves to fulfilling God's Great Commission call in their city and country.

Do: Pastors/Leaders will commit to adopting God's Great Commission call and vision.

OUTLINE:

Introduction:

**** Introduce yourself and the SI Team. Thank your hosts - the church and the organizers. Tell about your role with Strategic Impact AND a recent thing you have seen God do through the ministry of Strategic Impact. ****

- We live in a world with great needs today.
 - The greatest need people have is true hope.
 - Jesus Christ offers the only hope of eternal life.
- I. God's heart beats for everyone (in your city/nation/world) to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. *1 Timothy 2:4-5; 2 Peter 3:9*
- II. God's method for fulfilling His Great Commission is His Church. *1 Timothy 2:1-8*
- III. God calls visionary and passionate leaders to mobilize His church to fulfill His Great Commission:
- A. The critical need is for godly leaders focused on the Great Commission, *Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8*.
1. We can often get distracted with *many* things—even *good* things—that are not the main thing.
 2. You live in this place at this time in history to be a leader for God's mission in the world.
- B. The church needs leaders with vision for His Great Commission.
1. Definition: Vision is the ability to see that which does not yet exist.

2. Vision comes from the heart of God for you to fulfill His purpose

- a) Jeremiah 1:5: You have been called at this time and place to be part of God's Great Commission purpose.
- b) Why vision is indispensable:
 - (1) It is the essence of leadership.
 - (2) Without it you and your people are simply "marching in place.
 - (3) Vision unites God's people around a common goal and motivates them to action.
- c) You need to discover, develop and discharge your destiny for His Great Commission Purpose.

C. There is a great need for leaders with a passion for Christ.

1. There is a great danger for those who serve Christ to abandon the love for Jesus while loving the work of Jesus, *Revelation 2:1-7*
 - a) Churches and church leaders can do great works for Christ but yet lose a love for Christ.
 - b) The only thing that will sustain your service for Christ is a fresh love for Him.
2. Warning: Jesus would rather have no church than a "good" church without love, *Revelation 2:5*
3. It is urgent that we acquire and maintain a fresh, first-love fellowship with Jesus, *Revelation 2:5*
 - a) Remember: from where you have fallen
 - b) Repent: of your departure from your first love with Jesus
 - c) Repeat: the works which displayed the love you had at first.

Conclusion:

- Would you set your vision on reaching your city, nation and region with the Gospel of Christ?
- Will you do whatever it takes to develop and foster a fresh love for Jesus?
- Will you commit to His purposes for you in this generation?

STRATEGIC IMPACT - VISION SEMINAR
SESSION 2 - "A 10-STEP STRATEGY TO REACH YOUR CITY WITH THE GOSPEL"

OVERVIEW:

- Know:** Pastors/Leaders will understand the 10-step strategy to reach their city with the Gospel.
- Feel:** Pastors/Leaders will feel personally challenged for each their city/nation with the Gospel and see a tool that makes sense and works.
- Do:** Pastors/Leaders will evaluate where they are in the 10-step process and take the next step: (Apply for the *LEADERSHIP THRUST*).

OUTLINE:

Introduction:

1. We have seen that God desires you to lead His church in fulfilling His Great Commission in your city/nation.
2. We need a simple and practical strategy to reach our cities/nations with the Gospel.
3. We do **not** need to develop a new strategy but return to the proven strategy of the New Testament church.
4. The 10-Step Strategy we have identified is how the New Testament church reached their generation with the Gospel.



STEP 1: CHANGE YOUR THINKING from the goal of building a great church to reaching a lost world. - *Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 20:24*

1. Jesus did not call **us** to build great churches — that's **His** job - *Matthew 16:18*
2. **Our** focus is to make multiplying disciples who will saturate the community with the Gospel.
- *Acts 6:1, 8*



STEP 2: PRAY. - *Luke 10:2; Acts 13:1-3*

1. Prayer must permeate this whole process.
2. Set an alarm to join us in prayer daily at 10:02 (in reference to Luke 10:02) to obey Jesus' command by praying for Him to send out laborers into His harvest.



STEP 3: CAST THE VISION. - *Acts 1:8; 13:1-3*

1. Discover and develop a vision of how God wants to use you and your church to reach your community with the gospel.
2. Continuously and repeatedly keep the vision alive before your people.



STEP 4: GATHER AND EQUIP A TEAM. - *Acts 14:21-28; 19:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:2*

1. Pray for, recruit and develop a team of disciples who will multiply to the 4th generation.
2. Equip this team to evangelize the lost, disciple the new believers, plant new cell churches, and train new leaders.



STEP 5: SELECT A SITE. - *Acts 16:6-40*

1. Prayerfully determine where and/or with whom God wants you to begin a new cell church.
2. Investigate the needs, activities, strongholds and challenges that you will face in starting a new cell church.



STEP 6: EVANGELIZE. - *Acts 5:42; 14:21, 25; 20:20*

1. Determine the most effective way to evangelize the area.
2. Pray for and look for “Persons of Peace” to help reach the area.



STEP 7: DISCIPLE THE NEW BELIEVERS. - *Acts 14:22; 20:20*

1. Disciple new believers *where they are* — in their homes, at work, in their networks.
2. Disciple in groups of 2 or 3.



STEP 8: GATHER THE NEW BELIEVERS INTO A NEW CELL/HOUSE CHURCH. - *Acts 2:42, 46; 12:12; 16:40; Romans 16:15; 1 Corinthians 16:19; Colossians 4:15*

1. Form believers into new communities wherever it is most convenient to meet.
2. Gather for Fellowship, Worship, Study of the Word of God, Serving and Witness.



STEP 9: MULTIPLY THE DISCIPLES. - *1 Thessalonians 1:7-8; 2 Timothy 2:2*

1. Repeat Steps 1-8.
2. Focus on multiplying disciples and churches to the 4th generation.



STEP 10: LOCK ARMS TO LAUNCH A MOVEMENT. Acts 9:31; 16:5; 19:10.

1. The task of reaching our cities/nations will take partnership with other leaders. Lock Arms with those like-minded leaders in your community to launch a movement!
2. A movement begins as leaders, disciples and churches multiply.
3. Strategic Impact multiplies leaders, disciples, churches and movements!

Conclusion:

Where are you and your church in this 10-step process?

What is the next “step” you need to take?

Will you commit to taking that next step?

STRATEGIC IMPACT - VISION SEMINAR
SESSION 3 - "WHO IS STRATEGIC IMPACT? THE TRAINING AND TOOLS WE OFFER"

OVERVIEW:

Know: Pastors/Leaders will understand who Strategic Impact is and the training and tools we offer.

Feel: Pastors/Leaders will have a passion and hunger for further training and equipping.

Do: Pastors/Leaders who are serious about training multiplying leaders and disciples will enroll in a *LEADERSHIP THRUST*.

OUTLINE:

Introduction:

- We have seen the need for visionary, passionate and godly leaders who will mobilize the church to fulfill Christ's Great Commission.
- We have also seen an overview of a 10 step strategy based on the New Testament of how to saturate your city and nation with the Gospel.
- The goal of this VISION SEMINAR is to help pastors and Christian leaders "*See the Great Commission.*"
- Now, we want to tell you about who STRATEGIC IMPACT is and the training and tools we offer to help you fulfill this vision and strategy of reaching your city with the Gospel.

- I. **Who is STRATEGIC IMPACT?** We are a movement of like minded leaders passionately committed to Jesus Christ and each other for the fulfillment of His Great Commission.
- A. We are a movement — not an organization or denomination.
 - B. We are like minded Christian leaders from a variety of denominations and churches in over 30 countries of the world.
 - C. We are passionately committed to Jesus and to each other
 - D. We have as our common goal the fulfillment of Christ's Great Commission by training leaders to make multiplying disciples who plant multiplying churches everywhere.
 - 1. We recognize that Jesus is the only hope of eternal life.
 - 2. We are serious about fulfilling His command to make multiplying disciples.
 - 3. We see that multiplying disciples will start multiplying churches so that everyone has the hope of hearing about Jesus.
- II. What are the training and tools that we offer to help you fulfill your calling to reach your city?
- A. We conduct a 3-day *LEADERSHIP THRUST* for any pastor and leader.

1. This is training in 3 important areas:
 - a) How to grow in your personal walk with Christ.
 - b) Proven Leadership skills.
 - c) A Biblical Strategy to reach your city with the Gospel.
 2. The purpose of the *LEADERSHIP THRUST* is to “*Experience the Great Commission.*”
 - a) Every leader in the Body of Christ would benefit from this training.
 - b) It is very practical and applicational.
 - (1) We will learn practical evangelism and discipling skills
 - (2) We will experience evangelism and discipleship during the *LEADERSHIP THRUST*
 3. It is held over 3 days — usually during a weekend. The proposed *LEADERSHIP THRUST* in your area will be held: *(date and location)* _____.
- B. After the *LEADERSHIP THRUST*, we provide a *SCHOOL OF MULTIPLYING CHURCH PLANTERS* designed to “*Learn and Live the Great Commission*” through ongoing training.
1. This tool will help you gather and equip a team(s) to reach out and start new cell/house churches or groups.
 2. This is a “self-taught” curriculum for you and your team as you meet together weekly.
 3. It is not strictly academic or theological training, but comprised of practical and applicational exercises which develop multiplying leaders.
- C. We also provide a *SCHOOL OF MULTIPLYING LEADERS* for a team in this city/country which will multiply the the entire process to the next community/city/province/country.

We will return every 3 to 4 months to work with pastors and leaders who desire to be involved in this Great Commission movement.

It is our hope that you are committed to develop a self-multiplying and self-sustaining team in your area which will multiply disciples, leaders, and churches to saturate your community with the gospel... and then take the entire Biblical process to start a similar movement in a neighboring community/city/province/country.

Common Questions:

1. What is the cost?
 - a. *Strategic Impact does not bring money and we do not ask for money. The only cost to you would be for the manuals (usually about \$5 U.S., depending upon the cost to produce them in your country)*
2. Are we here to build church buildings?
 - a. *No. We are here to help you start your own organically multiplying churches.*
3. Are we here to start a denomination, organization, or Strategic Impact churches?
 - a. *No. We are here to help you start your churches. We are here to help you start a movement of like-minded leaders committed to Christ's Great Commission.*
4. Do we dictate specific doctrinal practices to you?
 - a. *No. We have a broad statement of faith, which we believe encompasses the foundational beliefs shared by all Christians. [see the end of this manual]*
5. How often do you return?
 - a. *Our team is committed to return every 3 to 4 months to help you advance the work by training and multiplying leaders for the Great Commission. We will continue to return this until a committed local SI team is equipped and mobilized to take ownership of the present work and bring about expansion into new areas. (This usually takes 2 or more years).*

Conclusion:

What do I do now? *IF you are...*

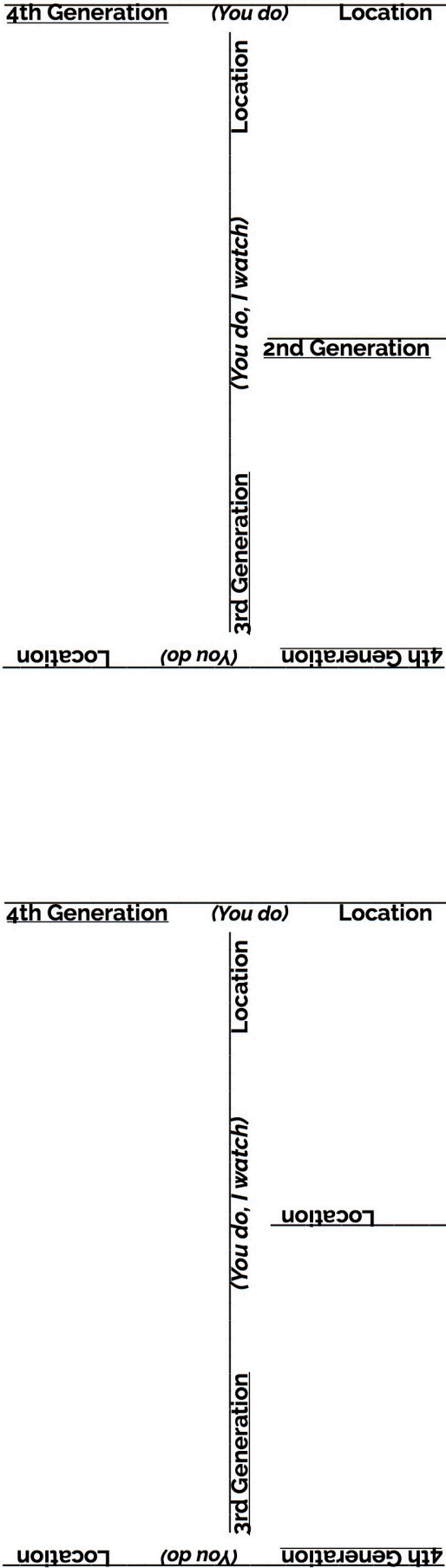
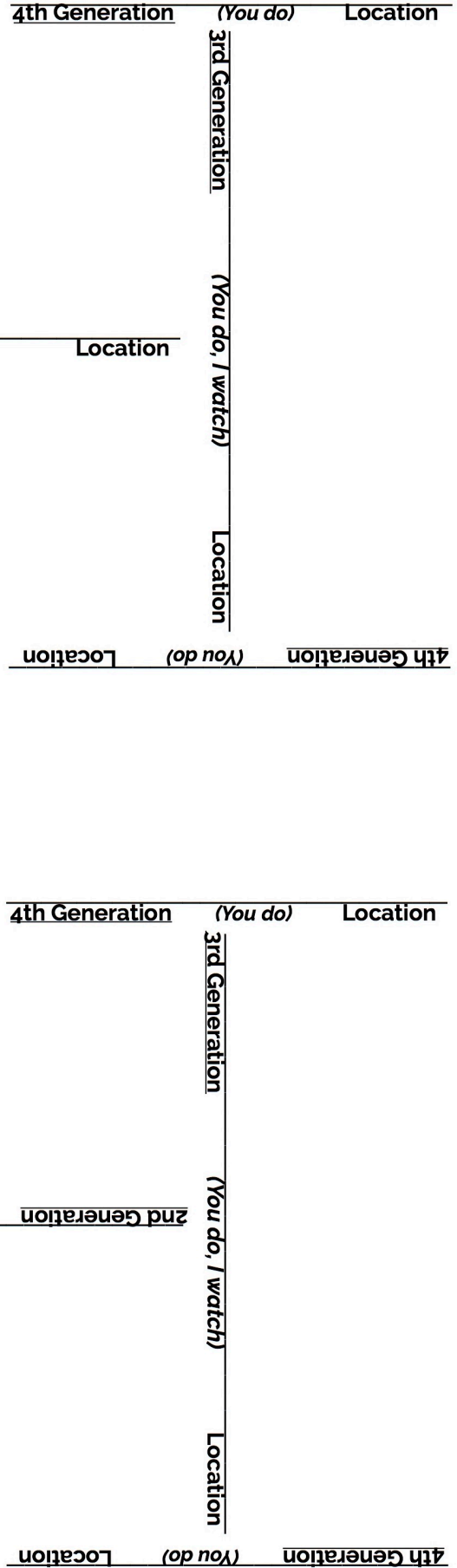
...serious about the Great Commission

...committed to disciple the next generation of multiplying leaders

...committed to starting new churches to reach everyone in your city and nation

➡ Sign up for the LEADERSHIP THRUST today and bring your leaders to it.

MINISTRY MAP



STATEMENT OF FAITH

GOD

Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; John 4:24, 10:30; 2 Corinthians 13:14

We believe that there is one true, holy God, eternally existing in three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - each of whom possesses equally all the attributes of deity and the characteristics of personality. In the beginning God created out of nothing the world and all the things therein, thus manifesting the glory of His power, wisdom and goodness. By His sovereign power He continues to sustain His creation. By His providence He is operating throughout history to fulfill His redemptive purposes.

JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 20:28; Acts 4:12; Romans 5:10; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19; 1 John 2:2

Jesus Christ is the eternal second Person of the Trinity who was united forever with a true human nature by a miraculous conception and virgin birth. He lived a life of perfect obedience to the Father and voluntarily atoned for (made a payment for) the sins of all by dying on the cross as their substitute, thus satisfying divine justice and accomplishing salvation and eternal life for all who trust in Him alone. He rose from the dead in the same body, though glorified, in which He lived and died. He ascended to heaven, and sat down at the right hand of the Father, where He, the only Mediator between God and man, continually makes intercession for His own. He shall come again to earth, personally and visibly, to consummate history and the eternal plan of God.

THE HOLY SPIRIT and THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

John 15:26, 16:8-11

The natural accompaniment of a genuine saving relationship with Jesus Christ is a life of holiness and obedience, attained by believers as they submit to the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity. He was sent into the world by the Father and the Son to apply to mankind the saving work of Christ. He enlightens the minds of sinners, awakens in them a recognition of their need of a Savior and regenerates them (gives them new life). At the point of salvation He permanently indwells every believer to become the source of assurance, strength and wisdom, and He uniquely endows each believer with gifts for the building up of the body. The Holy Spirit guides believers in understanding and applying the Scripture. His power and control are applied by faith, making it possible for the believer to lead a life of Christlike character and to bear fruit to the glory of the Father.

THE BIBLE

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21

The sole basis of our belief is the Bible, composed of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testament. We believe that the Scripture in its entirety originated with God, and that it was given through the instrumentality of chosen men. Scripture thus one and at the same time speaks with the authority of God and reflects the backgrounds, styles and vocabularies of the human authors. We hold that the Scriptures are infallible and without error in the original manuscripts. They are the unique, full and final authority on all matters of faith and practice, and there are no other writings similarly inspired by God.

SALVATION

Romans 3:23; 5:8; Ephesians 2:1, 8-9

The central purpose of God's revelation in Scripture is to call all people into fellowship with Himself. Originally created to have fellowship with God, man defied God, choosing to go his independent way, and was thus alienated from God and suffered the corruption of his nature, rendering him unable to please God. The fall of man took place at the beginning of human history, and all individuals since have suffered these consequences and are thus in need of the saving grace of God. The salvation of mankind is, then, wholly a work of God's free grace, not the result, in whole or in part of human works or goodness, and must be received by faith on an individual basis. When God has begun a saving work in the heart of any person, He gives assurance in His Word that He will continue performing it until the day of its full consummation.

HUMAN DESTINY

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Hebrews 9:27

Death seals the eternal destiny of each person. For all mankind, there will be a resurrection of the body into the spiritual world, and a judgment that will determine the fate of each individual. There is an eternal state of punishment for the unsaved and an eternal state of blessing for the saved. Those who have trusted Christ will be received into eternal communion with God and will be rewarded for works done in life.

THE CHURCH

Acts 2:42; Romans 12:1-6

The result of union with Jesus Christ is that all believers become members of His body, the church. There is one true church universal, comprised of all those who have trusted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The Scripture commands believers to gather together to devote themselves to worship, prayer, teaching of the Word, observance of baptism and communion as the ordinances established by Jesus Christ, fellowship, service to the body through development and use of talents and gifts, and outreach to the world. Wherever God's people meet regularly in obedience to this command, there is the local expression of the church. Under the watch care of elders and other supportive leadership, its members are to work together in love and unity, intent upon the ultimate purpose of exalting Christ for the glory of God and the fulfillment of Christ's Great Commission.

FAITH and PRACTICE

1 Corinthians 10:24, 31; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Scripture is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. We recognize that it cannot bind the conscience of individuals in areas where Scripture is silent. Rather, each believer is to be led in those areas by the Lord, to whom he or she alone is ultimately responsible.



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