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# WELCOME!

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

In our time together, we will step away from the daily pressures of ministry to draw closer to Jesus and to each other. We will laugh together, cry together, and learn together as we explore the areas of Personal Growth, Leadership Development, and Church Planting.

You will hear from Pastors and Missionaries from various countries who are from different denominations with different areas of gifting and different levels of experience... yet all with a burning passion for spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ and fulfilling the Great Commission!

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 equipped with training and tools so that making multiplying disciples will be a regular part of your personal ministry and the ministry of those whom you lead. But above these desires, it is our heart's desire that you will have greater awe and a deeper love for our Lord and Savior.

You will be strengthened in your areas of need, you will be encouraged where you are doubting, and you will be better armed as we all continue together in the pursuit 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.



## **STEP 1: CHANGE YOUR THINKING**

*CHANGE your THINKING from the goal of "building my church" to "reaching my lost community → country → world."  
(Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Acts 20:24)*



## **STEP 2: PRAY**

*PRAY for laborers for the Harvest! (Luke 10:2; Acts 13:1-3)*



## **STEP 3: CAST THE VISION**

*Cast God's VISION to His people for saturating your area with the Gospel.  
(Acts 1:8; 13:1-3)*



## **STEP 4: GATHER AND EQUIP A TEAM**

*Identify, select, GATHER AND EQUIP a team of at least two multiplying church planters each year.*

*(Acts 14:21-28; 19:9-10; Colossians 1:7; 2 Timothy 2:2)*



## **STEP 5: SELECT A SITE**

*PRAYERFULLY SELECT A SITE or a group of people God is leading you to reach with the Gospel. (Acts 16:6-40)*

- A. *DISCERN* where the Holy Spirit is leading you to start a new cell church.
- B. *INVESTIGATE* needs, strongholds, and activities in the area that would affect the new cell church.



## **STEP 6: EVANGELIZE**

*EVANGELIZE the people in the area. (Acts 5:42; 14:21,25; 20:20)*



## **STEP 7: DISCIPLE THE NEW BELIEVERS**

*DISCIPLE the new believers where they are. (Acts 14:22; 20:20)*



## **STEP 8: GATHER THE NEW BELIEVERS**

*GATHER the new believers together for:*

- A. *Welcome & Fellowship,*
- B. *Worship & Prayer,*
- C. *Study of the Word,*
- D. *Work & Witness.*

*(Acts 2:42,46; 12:12; 16:40; Romans 16:15; 1 Corinthians 16:19; Colossians 4:15)*



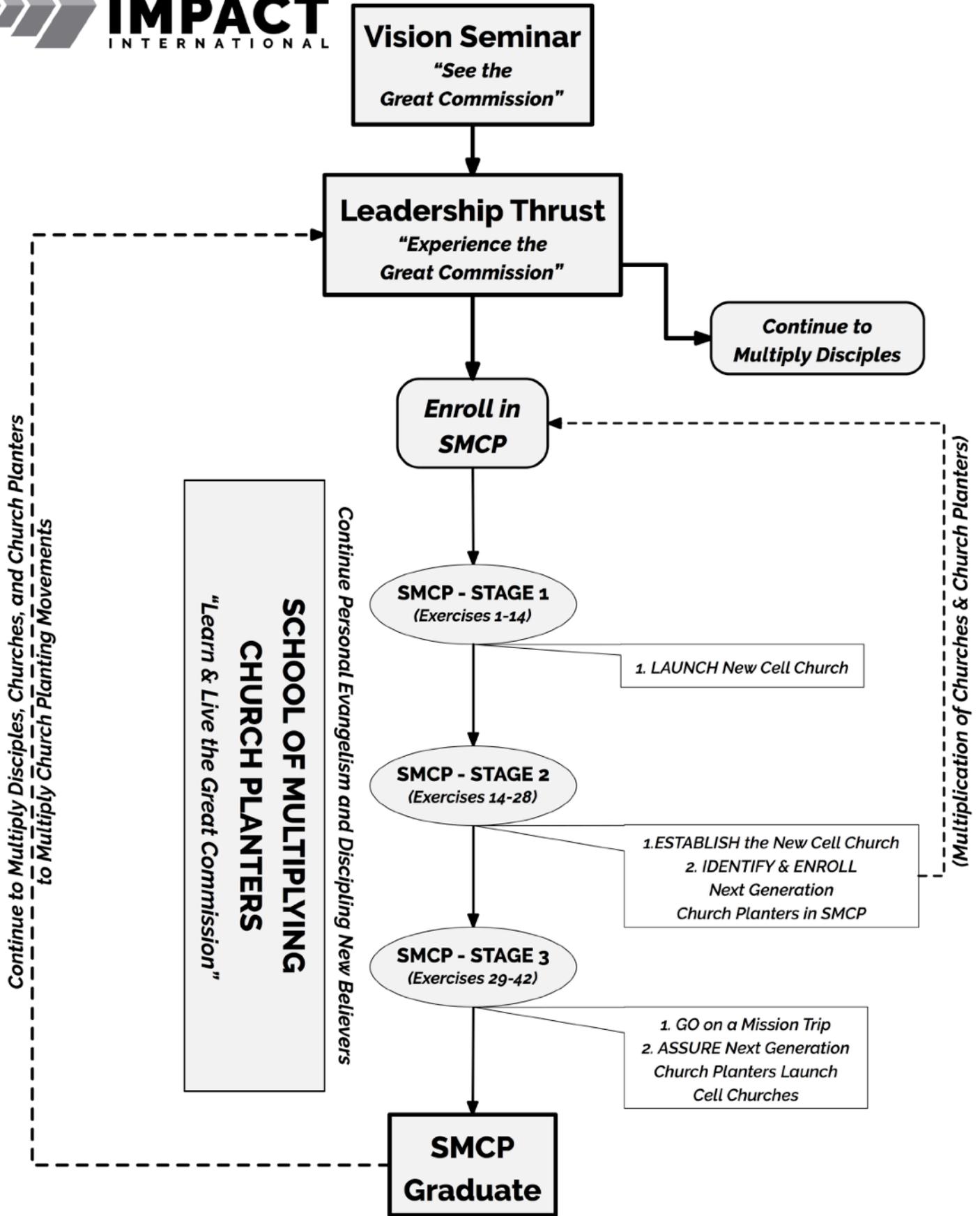
## **STEP 9: MULTIPLY THE DISCIPLES**

*MULTIPLY the disciples in the new church by repeating the first 8 steps.  
(1 Thessalonians 1:7-8)*

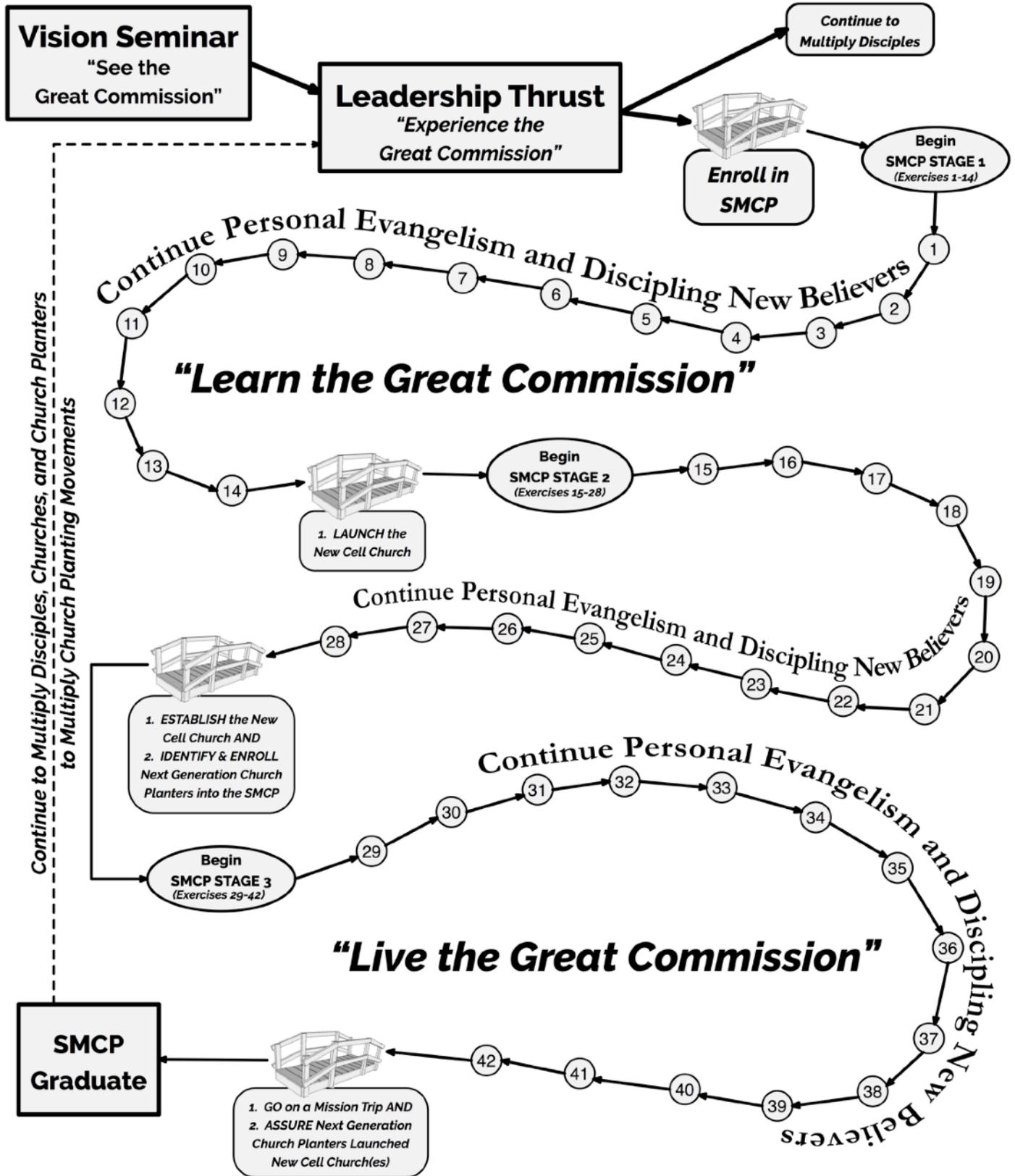


## **STEP 10: LOCK ARMS TO LAUNCH A MOVEMENT**

*LOCK ARMS with other Leaders to launch a movement of multiplying disciples to fulfill the Great Commission.*



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**DAY 1, SESSION 1**  
**STRATEGIC IMPACT - BASIC LEADERSHIP THRUST**  
**"WHO WE ARE AND WHY ARE WE HERE?"**

**OVERVIEW:**

**Objective:** *Speaker will introduce the heart of Strategic Impact and provide overview of the Leadership Thrust.*

**Know:** *Pastors/Leaders will understand what Strategic Impact will and will NOT do and what to expect for the Leadership Thrust.*

**Feel:** *Pastors/Leaders will feel hopeful about the training and tools they will receive for their ministry.*

**Do:** *Pastors/Leaders will commit to participate in all aspects of the Leadership Thrust.*

**OUTLINE:**

***Introduction:***

- Background of Strategic Impact - to train leaders to make multiplying disciples who will launch church planting movements to fulfill the Great Commission.
- What God is doing (recent story about how God is working through SI).

**WHO WE ARE:**

1. **VISION:** We exist to offer every person the only hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ.
  - a. *"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*
2. **MISSION:** We train Leaders to multiply Disciples who ignite Church Planting Movements everywhere.
  - a. *"...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*
3. **STRATEGY:** We establish Leadership Teams in Strategic Cities of the world to multiply Church Planting Movements among every people group.
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4. **PROCESS:**
  - a. Vision Seminar (VS) - *"See the Great Commission."*
    - i. A one-day introduction to Strategic Impact.
  - b. Leadership Thrust (LT) - *"Experience the Great Commission."*
    - i. A three-day intensive experience in personal growth, leadership, and church planting. - *This is what we are doing in these three days together.*

- c. School of Multiplying Church Planters (SMCP) - *“Learn and Live the Great Commission.”*
  - i. A one-year team experience growing in Christ and multiplying church planters and churches. We hope that each of you will enroll in the School at the end of this Leadership Thrust.
- d. School of Multiplying Leaders (SML) - *“Lead and Launch the Great Commission.”*
  - i. A one-year team experience multiplying leaders and church planting movements.
- e. Fan-the-Flame Summit (FtFs) - *“Multiply the Great Commission.”*
  - i. An annual three-day gathering for Staff, Leaders, and Multipliers to equip, encourage, and strategize in each major region of the world.

### **WHY WE ARE NOT HERE:**

1. Strategic Impact will NOT provide you with money.
2. Strategic Impact will NOT build you a church building.
3. Strategic Impact will NOT “lord over you” as if we have ALL the answers.
4. Strategic Impact will NOT dictate doctrine to you.
5. Strategic Impact will NOT be planting “Strategic Impact” churches.... We are here to help YOU plant YOUR churches.
6. Strategic Impact will NOT do YOUR JOB for YOU:
  - a. When we get to heaven, God will not ask me, “did you reach \_\_\_\_\_ (*country/community*) \_\_\_\_\_ with the Gospel of Jesus Christ?” But He will ask you.

### **WHY WE ARE HERE - To Accomplish 6 Things:**

1. **To grow in our relationship to Christ.** (2 Peter 3:18)
  - a. This is most important thing about each one of us. It is the foundation of everything we do in life and ministry.
2. **To gain leadership skills.**
  - a. The crying need in the church around the world is for more godly leaders! Why you are invited

3. **To learn a 10-step strategy to multiply disciples to plant churches to reach all of (country) and the world.**
  - a. Our goal is not to start SI churches, but to help you start your churches that multiply.
  - b. We will actually be doing evangelism in the community to make disciples to start new churches!
  
4. **To give you practical tools and experience to help you multiply your ministry.**
  - a. You will be equipped for and experience Personal Evangelism and Personal Discipleship so you may continue to walk in these areas of multiplication as a consistent part of your ministry.
  
5. **To gain friends and partners in the Christian life and ministry.**
  - a. We need each other. We cannot do this alone. God has called us together to do His work in the world.
  
6. **To launch a *School of Multiplying Church Planters* which has the potential of training thousands of multiplying disciples, multiplying church planters, and multiplying churches to help fulfill the Great Commission.**

**We are here because these are the best days ever to be alive as a Christian!**

**We MUST make the most of the opportunity that God has given us  
to fulfill His purposes for us! (*Ephesians 5:15-17*)**



**DAY 1, SESSION 2**  
**STRATEGIC IMPACT - BASIC LEADERSHIP THRUST**  
**"PASSION FOR CHRIST AND LOST SOULS"**

**OVERVIEW:**

**Objective:** Pastors/Leaders will ENCOUNTER God's passionate love for them.

**Know:** Pastors/Leaders will UNDERSTAND God's love for them and respond back with love for Him and His lost world.

**Feel:** Pastors/Leaders will RESPOND by giving their love back to Him.

**Do:** Pastors/Leaders will commit to TRANSMIT God's passionate love to those who do not know Him.

**OUTLINE:**

**Introduction:**

- There is a DIRECT "**Cause and Effect**" relationship between:
  - our PASSION *for Christ* and
  - our PASSION *to reach His Lost World*.
  
- Our PASSION to evangelize our generation will be in DIRECT PROPORTION to our love for Christ.
  
- QUESTION: How do we grow in our passion for Christ and for the lost?

**I. RECEIVE God's passionate love for you:**

God's NATURE is LOVE.

This is the CORE of WHO He is.

God is a loving Father who yearns to "*pour out*" His love on you:

**"God has poured out his love into our hearts  
by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us."** - Romans 5:5b

Illustration: The baptism of Jesus *reveals the heart of the Father:*  
**"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."** - Matthew 3:17

This is not only true of God's love for His Son Jesus,  
it is also true of HOW HE SEES YOU:

You are "***the apple of His eye.***" - Psalm 17:8

You are "***honored and precious in His sight.***" - Isaiah 43:4

If God were to speak audibly to you today, one of the first things He would say to you is:

*"You are a DELIGHT to My heart."*

Will you OPEN YOUR HEART to the Father today,  
and RECEIVE God's passionate love for you?

## II. RESPOND by giving your love back to God:

The most natural thing in the world,  
is to **respond** TO love WITH love.

The Bible says: “*We love Him because He first loved us.*” - 1 John 4:19  
The only reason we even have the ability to love God  
is **IN RESPONSE** to **His initiative** to love us first.

Illustration: GREAT COMMANDMENT

Do you remember the lawyer who asked Jesus:  
“*Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?*” - Matthew 22:36

Jesus clearly explained:  
“*YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART,  
AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.*”  
- Matthew 22:36

Application: **The BEST USE of life is LOVE.**

### ***What is life about?***

If you think about it,  
you summarize the **WHOLE OF LIFE** as:

1. RECEIVING God’s love.
2. LOVING God back, and then:
3. GIVING that love to others.

## III. TRANSMIT God’s passionate love to those who do not know Him:

When we RECEIVE the Father’s passionate love for us,  
and RESPOND by giving our love back to Him,  
it will “**translate into**” a PASSION for the lost.

The Apostle Paul says of himself:  
“*The love of Christ **compels** us.*” - 2 Corinthians 5:14

Another translation says:  
“*Christ’s love has “**taken hold**” of us.*”

When we are truly “**in love**” with Jesus,  
we will experience HIS LOVE for lost souls.

It is the love of Christ for the souls of men  
that **DRIVES US** to give the gospel to every person willing to listen.

PASSION for Christ will “*translate into*” a PASSION for lost souls.

Ask God to give you **His burden** for the lost.

**APPLICATION:**

**God invites you to live your life with a  
BURNING PASSION for Christ, and then, out of that, to live your life with a  
BURNING PASSION for lost souls!!**

**I want to be “*intoxicated*” with the Lord Jesus.  
I want to be “*enraptured*” with His Beauty.**

**And then, OUT OF my “intoxication” with the Lord Jesus,  
I want to give my life to reaching lost souls for Christ.**



**DAY 1, SESSION 3**  
**STRATEGIC IMPACT - BASIC LEADERSHIP THRUST**  
**"CHARACTER: CORNERSTONE FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERS"**

**OVERVIEW:**

**Objective:** Speaker will show that personal character/integrity is the fundamental and indispensable issue for Christian leaders.

**Know:** Pastors/Leaders will understand that Godly character is the priority qualification for Christian leaders.

**Feel:** Pastors/Leaders should feel convicted to deal with any hidden sins in their lives.

**Do:** Pastors/Leaders should confess and forsake any hidden sins and should become accountable to another Christian.

**OUTLINE:**

***Introduction:***

There are many great world leaders with charisma, vision, influence and skill. But, if you have these and lack one other - godly character - you cannot be a leader in Christ's church.

**I. You cannot be a Christian leader without Godly character.**

A. When God looks for leaders, He looks first for character qualities.  
(1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Samuel 16:7)

1. ALL qualifications for being an overseer in Christ's church, except one, are character issues - who you are as a follower of Christ.
2. The ONLY "skill" mentioned in this list is "able to teach."

B. Character is "demonstrating the life of Christ" and is **essential** to fulfilling our mission to make multiplying disciples.  
(Philippians 3:17; 1 Thessalonians 1:6-9; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; 11:1; 2 Timothy 2:2)

1. The essence of our ministry is to reproduce the life of Christ in others who pass this on to others, who pass this on to others, etc.
2. If this life is not modeled by us and reproduced in the ones we disciple, then the multiplication process will break down. ***The authenticity of Christianity will have NO appeal.***
3. **The people of God will not follow a leader if they do not trust that leader.**

This is why the **LIFE TRANSFORMATION GROUP** Accountability Questions in the "Schools" are so **important**. They address character issues!

## II. Character is consistency - being a man/woman of God in every situation with every person.

- A. Definition of character: *“Trust that results from demonstrated integrity.”*
1. Godly Christian character occurs when your message aligns with your behavior. You ARE what you CLAIM (Psalm 15).
  2. Godly Christian character occurs when your heart is aligned with your actions and words (Psalm 17:1-3).
  3. Godly Christian character is the opposite of hypocrisy - pretending to be one thing while in fact you are another (Luke 11:37-12:2).
  4. Godly Christian character has no secrets.
  5. Godly Christian character does not mean perfection, but it does mean progress (1 Timothy 4:15-16).

## III. There are four critical issues for godly character in Christian leaders:

- A. Your **tongue**: Do what you say will will do (Psalm 15:2-4; James 3:1-2)
- B. **Money**: “Free yourself from the love of money.” (Psalm 15:5; 1 Timothy 6:6-11)
- C. **Sex**: “Flee sexual immorality.” (1 Corinthians 6:18-20)
- D. **Power**: “Seek to serve and not be served.” (Mark 10:42-45)

### *Conclusion:*

**You cannot be a successful Christian leader without godly character.**

### **APPLICATION:**

1. Is there some secret hidden sin in your life God is calling you to confess and forsake today?  
(*Your word, mishandling money, sexual immorality, seeking fame and power?*)  
**Now is the time to repent.**
2. Godly character is formed when we keep ourselves accountable to a few trusted others (Hebrews 10:24-25).
3. Who will you start meeting with to ask the Life Transformation Group questions?

**DAY 1, SESSION 4**  
**STRATEGIC IMPACT - BASIC LEADERSHIP THRUST**  
**"LEADERSHIP VISION - REACH YOUR LOST WORLD"**

**OVERVIEW:**

**Objective:** *Speaker will define vision and encourage pastors/leaders to ask God for His vision for them in His Great Commission plan.*

**Know:** *Pastors/Leaders should understand that vision is a picture of God's preferred future for them and their ministry in His Great Commission plan.*

**Feel:** *Pastors/Leaders should feel convinced and motivated about what God is calling them to do.*

**Do:** *Pastors/Leaders should pray about, write out and memorize a clear, memorable God-given vision for their lives as it fits with His Great Commission plan.*

**OUTLINE:**

***Introduction:***

- Vision is an indispensable quality for a leader.
- You cannot be a leader without a clear vision.
- Many leaders have a vision for what **they** want to accomplish. But, as Christian leaders we need a vision for what **God** wants us to accomplish.
- We need to dream and then define our unique role in fulfilling God's vision for reaching His lost world.

**What is vision?** Definition: *Vision is the ability to "see" that which does not yet exist.*

**I. What is vision?**

- A. Vision is a God-given gift to VISUALIZE a mental picture of reality before it materializes.
- B. Biblical Basis: Hebrews 11:1
- C. Our vision must align with God's vision to fulfill His Great Commission.
  - 1. We do not need a NEW vision - we need to **see** and **commit** to God's **ORIGINAL vision** for His church!
  - 2. God wants every person to hear the Gospel and there will be a day when this will be accomplished. (*1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9; Matthew 24:14; Revelation 7:9-12*)

3. Why must we give ourselves to world evangelization in our lifetime?
  - a) Because people who die with Christ pass forever from eternal mercy. (*Matthew 13:49-50*)
  - b) Because in eternity, there will be nothing from this life more important than all the people we reached for Christ. (*1 Corinthians 9:23*)
  - c) Because the love of Christ for the souls of men compels us to put the Gospel in to the hands of every person willing to listen. (*2 Corinthians 5:14*)
  
4. You and I are called at this time and place to play our part in this great vision!
  - a) There is not ONE legitimate reason why we cannot literally fulfill the Great Commission in our lifetime. (*Matthew 28:18-20*)
  - b) God has given us **everything** we need to finish the task in the person and power of Christ. (*2 Peter 1:3*)
  - c) We must open our eyes to “**SEE**” the evangelization of our city, nation and world!  
**Can you see it?**

## II. Ask God for, and commit to fulfilling His vision through your life.

- A. Vision comes from the heart of God. It is not human speculation but divine illumination.
  1. God’s vision is not about your dreams!
  2. God’s vision for you is how **He** will use **You** to fulfill **His** purposes. (*Jeremiah 1:5*)
  
- B. God created you to fulfill a **divine destiny!**
  
- C. You have a **unique contribution** to make in His eternal purposes.
  1. Discover your destiny in making disciples of all the nations. (*Matthew 28:18-20*)
  2. Develop your destiny - develop the unique gifts and skills He gave you.
  3. Complete your destiny. Fulfill God’s calling on your life. (*Acts 20:24; 2 Timothy 4:7*)

### III. Why is Vision indispensable?

- A. Because the essence of leadership is vision.
- B. Because without vision, you and your people are merely “marching in place” - **You are not really going anywhere!**
- C. Because vision **unifies** people around a common, God-given goal and **motivates** them to **action!**

### IV. How do we impart vision to those we lead?

- A. By living and demonstrating vision to them. LIVE OUT GOD’S DREAM!
  - 1. Give your attention, time and effort to taking the Gospel to lost people in your world.
  - 2. Show your people the priority of the Great Commission.
- B. By “painting a picture” of a future reality that is so vivid, they can see it!
  - 1. What would it look like to reach your neighborhood, city or country with the Gospel?
  - 2. What role do you and your church play in doing this?
- C. By keeping the vision 99 degrees hot in your own heart...just about to boil.

#### ***APPLICATION:***

- 1. What would you say God’s vision is for your life in fulfilling His Great Commission?
- 2. Write out a “first draft” of a clear, memorable God-given vision for your life and ministry in **one sentence.**



**DAY 1, SESSION 5**  
**STRATEGIC IMPACT - BASIC LEADERSHIP THRUST**  
**"THE ESSENCE OF THE GOSPEL: EVANGELISM TRAINING"**

**OVERVIEW:**

**Objective:** *Speaker will make the simple Gospel message clear and train participants in how to share the Gospel using the SI Evangelism Tool.*

**Know:** *Pastors/Leaders should understand the essence of the Gospel message.*

**Feel:** *Pastors/Leaders should feel confident that they can clearly and simply share the Gospel as they learn how to use the SI Evangelism Tool.*

**Do:** *Pastors/Leaders should make sure of their own saving relationship with Christ and then share the Gospel 1) during the Thrust and 2) as a lifestyle after the Thrust using the SI Evangelism Tool.*

**OUTLINE:**

***Introduction:***

- **Everything** we do at Strategic Impact must result in **evangelism** - *taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to a lost world.*
  - We **never** have an event or provide training without including **personal evangelism**.
  - We are often surprised that Christians - *even pastors and leaders* - are confused about what the essence of the Gospel message is and how to share it with others so that they might have eternal life in Christ.
  - So, today we would like to review the **clear** and **simple** Gospel message and then give you an effective **tool** to help you share it with others.
  - Then, we are going to GO OUT and share this message with people.
- I. **The essence of the Gospel is FAITH in the sacrificial DEATH, physical BURIAL and bodily RESURRECTION of Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)**
- A. Paul defines the basic elements of the Gospel message that he shared with lost people:
1. Jesus Christ died for our sins.
  2. He was physically buried.
  3. He was bodily raised from the dead on the third day.
  4. Those who put their faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior will have their sins forgiven and obtain eternal life. (1 Corinthians 15:1-2, 51-53)

B. We must be careful that we do not confuse people about what they must believe to be saved!

1. There are many distortions of the basic Gospel message, mixing it with works, miracles, healings, casting out demons, etc., etc.
2. As a result we have found some pastors and leaders are not even certain about their own relationship with God!

**II. We must make clear to people the ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS of the Gospel and give them a clear opportunity to respond with faith in Jesus as the only way to have eternal life.**

A. Paul himself asked for prayer that he would have opportunity to share the Gospel and that he could make it very clear to those he spoke. (*Ephesians 6:19-20; Colossians 4:3-4*)

B. We too must take every opportunity to share the simple Gospel of Jesus Christ with as many as we can:

1. God loves people and wants them to be saved from their sins and have eternal life. (*John 3:16; 1 Timothy 2:4*)
2. Everyone has sinned against God. (*Romans 3:23*)
3. Our sin separates us from God and causes spiritual, physical and eternal death. (*Romans 6:23*)
4. Jesus Christ is the only sinless Son of God who paid the penalty for our sin. (*Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21*)
5. Jesus Christ is the only way to have a new relationship with God - there is no other way. (*John 14:6*) We are not saved by any good works or religious ritual or experiences such as baptism, joining the church, receiving spiritual gifts, etc.
6. People must receive the grace gift of salvation by faith (trust in) Jesus Christ alone to forgive their sin and give them eternal life. (*John 1:12; 3:16; Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9*)

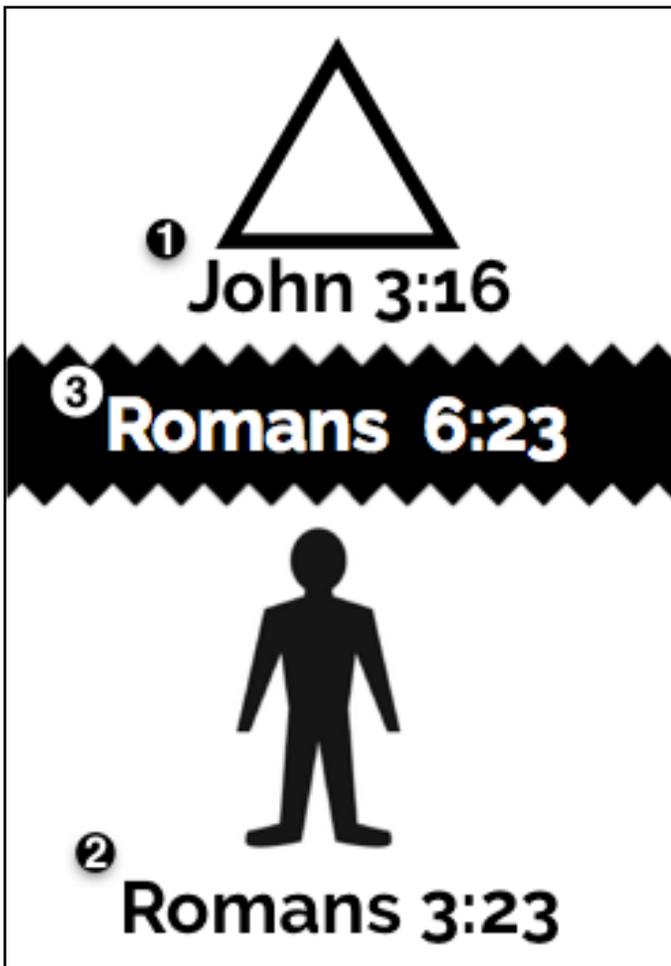
**III. The Strategic Impact Evangelism Tool is designed to help you share this simple Gospel message and give others an opportunity to put their faith in Christ.**

- A. I will demonstrate how to share the Gospel using it.
  - 1. Role play using the Tool.
  - 2. Point out the instructions on how to use it.
- B. **Note:** Give an opportunity to anyone in the conference to receive Christ by faith if they have never done so.

**IV. NEXT Sunday should be “Gospel Sunday” in your church.**

- A. Pastor: Share your testimony of how you came to faith in Christ.
- B. Pastor: Share the simple, **clear message** of the Gospel.
- C. Pastor: Give people the **opportunity** to receive Christ by faith.

## HOW TO USE THE STRATEGIC IMPACT EVANGELISTIC TOOL

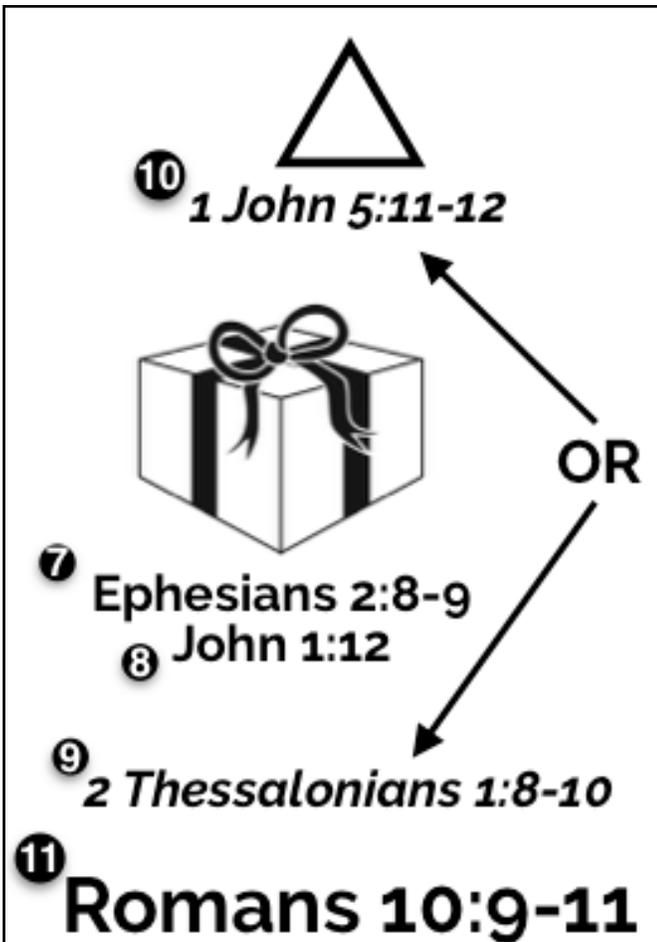
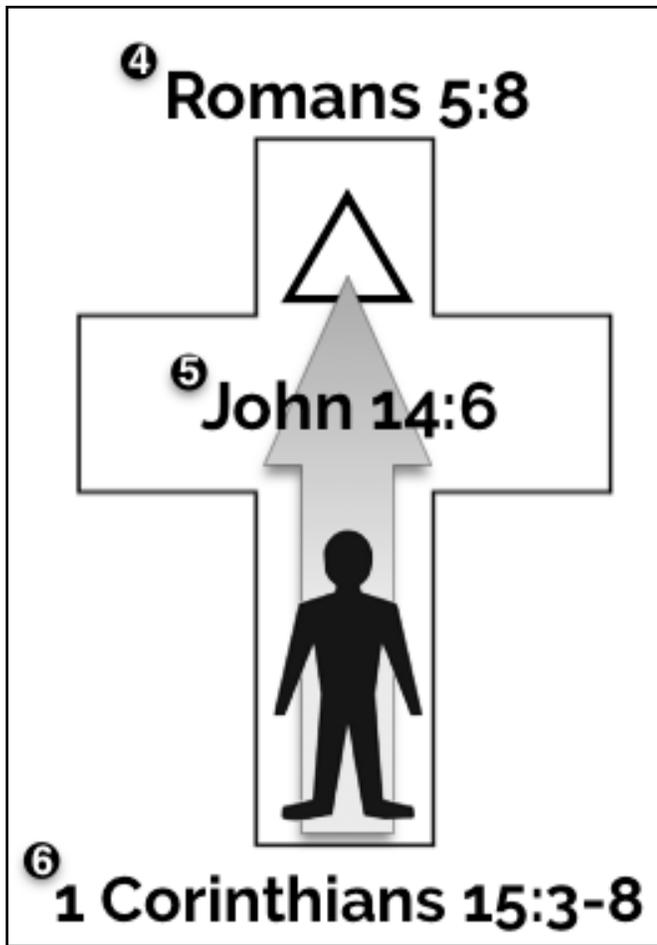


1. Share YOUR TESTIMONY of:
  - What your life was like BEFORE you trusted Jesus,
  - How you came to place faith in Jesus as your Savior
  - How your life was different after trusting in Jesus for salvation.

### Show them the front panel of the tool.

**Say:** "May I ask you a few question about what you believe and show you from the Bible how you can be sure that you have eternal life?"

2. Show them the triangle and tell them this figure represents God. Ask, "**Do you believe in God? Do you believe that He loves you?**" Wait for the person's answer. These questions will enable you to have a **conversation** with the person instead of just talking **at** them.
3. It is **important to read the verse from the Bible** along with each figure. Begin with *John 3:16*.**(1)**
  - Ask if the person has a Bible. If they do, have them get it and help them look up the verses in the Bible.
  - It would be best if the person reads the verses. However, be sensitive if they cannot read. If they hesitate or say something like "I do not have my glasses," then you read it for them.
4. Show them the figure of the person at the bottom of the first panel. Ask, "**Who do you think this represents?**" They might say, "People," or "the devil" or some other person. Tell them that this figure represents everyone in the world - you, me and everyone else. Point out the black gulf, which indicates that people are separated from God. Read *Romans 3:23* **(2)** and ask, "**The Bible says that we are separated from God because each of us has sinned. Do you believe that you have sinned against God?**"
5. Read *Romans 6:23* **(3)** in the dark area showing people separated from God. Ask, "**Do you believe that your sins cause death – eternal separation from God?**"



6. Turn to the next panel showing the cross. Read *Romans 5:8* (**4**) and say, “**God loves us and has provided a way for us to know Him by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross to pay for our sins. Do you believe Jesus died on the cross for you?**”
7. Read *John 14:6* (**5**) and ask, “**Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the only way to have eternal life with God?**”
8. Read *1 Corinthians 15:3-8* (**6**) and ask, “**Do you believe that God raised Jesus from the dead?**”
9. Turn to the third panel and show them the picture of the gift and say, “**God wants you to have eternal life with Him and He offers this as a free gift.**” Then read *Ephesians 2:8-9* (**7**) say, “**If you believe on the name of Jesus, God offers you to become a child of God**” Then read *John 1:12* (**8**).
10. “**God says this to those who reject His gift:**” read (*2 Thessalonians 1:8-10*) (**9**). But, “**If you accept this gift by faith, God promises you will have eternal life with Him.**” (*1 John 5:11-12*) (**10**).
11. **ASK:** “**Would you like to receive the gift of eternal life by faith in Jesus Christ today?**”
12. If they answer “**Yes,**” then read *Romans 10:9-10* (**11**). You can receive Christ by faith today by **believing** in your heart and **confessing** with your mouth. Prayer does not save you. It is your **faith in Christ** that saves you. The words of a prayer can help you express your faith. Here is a sample prayer: “*Lord Jesus, I need You. I admit that I have sinned against you. Please forgive my sins. I accept Your free gift of forgiveness of sins and eternal life today by faith. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*”

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

I accept Christ as my Savior today.

I can meet tomorrow to grow in my new faith in Jesus Christ.

Time tomorrow: \_\_\_\_\_

or other Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

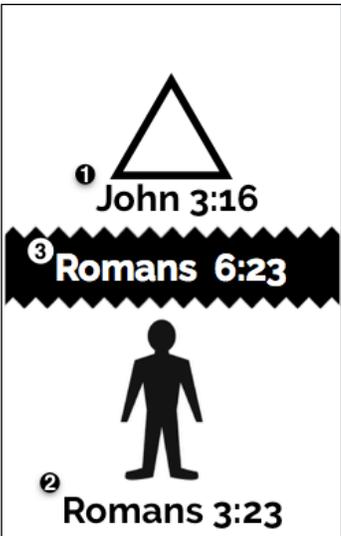
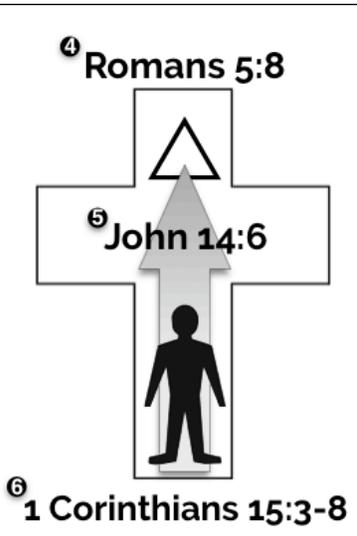
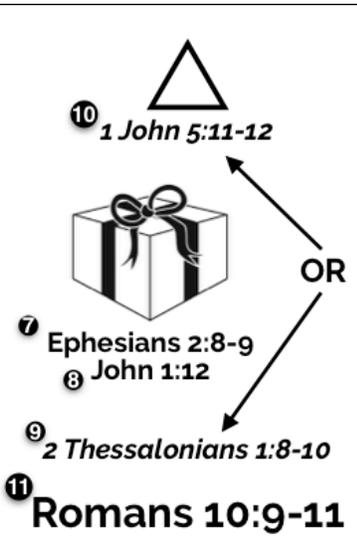
I am interested in meeting with others in my neighborhood to learn more about Jesus Christ.

13. After someone accepts God's free gift of eternal life by faith, ask, "**Did you trust in Christ to forgive your sins and give you eternal life?**" Then encourage them in their new faith and pray for them.

14. Tear off the last panel of the SI Evangelism Tool. Gather their contact information and check the appropriate boxes.

15. If possible, set a time to meet with them tomorrow to begin Discipling the New Believer using the back of the SI Evangelism Tool.

16. Turn in the contact information to the Leader of the New Cell Church that is being planted.

			<p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Date _____ Age _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I accept Christ as my Savior today.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I can meet tomorrow to grow in my new faith in Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Time tomorrow: _____</p> <p>or other Date: _____ Time: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in meeting with others in my neighborhood to learn more about Jesus Christ.</p>
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**DAY 2, SESSION 1**  
**STRATEGIC IMPACT - BASIC LEADERSHIP THRUST**  
**"WHAT IS LEADERSHIP?"**

**OVERVIEW:**

**Objective:** Speaker will make clear the essence of leadership.

**Know:** Pastors/Leaders should understand the essential components of leadership.

**Feel:** Pastors/Leaders should feel growing confidence to lead.

**Do:** Pastors/Leaders should use their leadership influence to ignite church planting movements.

**OUTLINE:**

***Introduction:***

- The great need in the church today is for godly leaders who will ignite the church to fulfill the Great Commission.
- God wants to use you to influence His people to fulfill His purposes.
- You are called to be a leader in this time and place. So, we need to ask 3 questions: 1) What is leadership? 2) What is a leader? and 3) What do leaders actually do?

**I. What is Leadership?** - "Leadership is Motivating People to Accomplish a Goal."

**II. What is a Leader?**

**A. A Leader is an individual who:**

1. Knows where to go [VISION]
2. Knows how to get there [STRATEGY]
3. Knows how to motivate others to go with him/her [MOTIVATION]

**B. Therefore, the BASIC COMPONENTS of Leadership are:**

1. Vision: *Where to go.*
2. Strategy: *How to get there.*
3. Motivation: *How to solicit desire from others to participate.*
4. But for the Christian Leader there is a 4th essential component: Character: *Trust that results from proven integrity.*

### III. WHAT do leaders do? What must Christian leaders actually do to maximize their influence on God's people to fulfill His Great Commission Purpose?

#### A. Impart VISION.

1. God's Great Commission Vision must be cast - Most people do not look past today. *"Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained." (Proverbs 28:19)*
2. Therefore the FIRST role of a leader is to **"paint a picture"** (just like an artist) of a future reality that says, *"This is where we are going! This is what God is calling us to do to fulfill His Great Commission."*
3. The target is NOT VISIONS but a singular VISION. This gives an organization **focus** and helps to keep "the main thing the main thing."

#### B. Cultivate TRUST

1. Trust is the true CURRENCY of leaders. It is ALWAYS based on CHARACTER.
2. Definition: Trust - *the confidence you feel that the leaders is always going to act in the best interest of both the organization and its individual members.*
3. Trust is one quality that cannot be acquired...it always has to be **EARNED** - through CONSISTENT behavior and "perceived" MOTIVES.
4. The development of character is a lifetime assignment: *You will never "graduate."*
5. *"The destiny of a man is in his own character/soul." - Herodotus*
  - a) Character determines destiny!
  - b) WHO you ARE ultimately determines WHAT you will DO in life!

#### C. Exercise SOUND JUDGEMENT.

1. Definition: Wisely discerning the best course of action, after thorough consideration of all known perspectives and then courageously acting on the brightest long-term benefit of the organization.
2. A big part of knowing what to do is knowing what **NOT** to do!
3. Your people depend on you to MAKE GOOD DECISIONS.
4. Sound judgement can be developed by:
  - a) Application of biblical knowledge.
  - b) Acquisition of wisdom gleaned from experience.
  - c) Advice from multiple sources who are older and wiser. *"In a multitude of counselors there is victory." (Proverbs 15:22)*

#### D. CARRY OUT A STRATEGY.

1. DEVELOP and IMPLEMENT the process to accomplish the Vision. “*Step 1, Step 2, Step 3, etc.*”
2. The leader must create a **road map** to get us from “here” (*where you are now*) to “there” (*where you want to go*).
3. Leadership is knowing:
  - a) What to do next,
  - b) Why it’s important, and
  - c) How to use the appropriate resources to accomplish the task.
4. EMPOWER OTHERS to accomplish the Vision! A true test of a leader is not what he/she can do, but what others accomplish as a result of what he/she does for them!
5. DELEGATE the strategy.
  - a) “LEAD to your STRENGTH” and “STAFF to your WEAKNESS”.
  - b) Once you delegate, stay of their way. Make sure you are not overlapping into someone’s area.
  - c) Definition: Leaders “*create an environment in which others can blossom.*”

#### E. DEMONSTRATE PASSION:

1. POSSESS and COMMUNICATE CHRIST’S CAUSE which is GREATER than yourself! (and for which you are willing to give your life)
2. What money is to a banker, passion is to the organization: *Passion is your “working capital.”*
3. **Internally**, passion gives an organization a CORPORATE CULTURE of MOTIVATION, MORALE and MOMENTUM.
4. **Externally**, passion drives an organization to produce RESULTS, and to accomplish it’s corporate MISSION.

#### F. INSPIRE CONFIDENCE:

1. Leaders infect others with a “**can do**” mentality.
2. LEADERSHIP CONFIDENCE: *the FEELING you have when you know that you know HOW to LEAD.*
  - a) **WHERE** to go.
  - b) **HOW** to get there.
  - c) How to **MOTIVATE** others to go with you.
3. Paul says, “*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,*” (Philippians 4:13), so we OUGHT to be THE most **confident** leaders in the world!
4. The result is that we INFECT those we lead with a “can do” attitude.
5. QUOTE: “*Leaders inspire others to greatness.*”

## G. FREELY EXPRESS LOVE.

1. 1 Timothy 4:5, “The goal of our instruction is love.” (The aim of the ministry, the TARGET of our service is LOVE).
2. Quote: “A leader is a lover, and a lover will always be a leader.”
3. HOW?
  - a) Be transparent - share your feelings.
  - b) Develop an EMOTIONAL FIELD of love.
  - c) Verbally EXPRESS your affections.
  - d) RELEASE others from hyper-control.
  - e) Communicate appropriate physical warmth.
  - f) Bring out the BEST in others by LIBERAL praise.
  - g) Make time just to talk.
  - h) Really listen.
  - i) Be the FIRST to forgive.
  - j) Intentionally focus on the highest welfare of others.

## H. SAY “THANK YOU” OFTEN AND REPEATEDLY.

1. Max DePree says: *Leaders do two things:*
  - a) They “define reality” (they define “What business are we in?”) and,
  - b) They say “Thank you.”
2. EXPRESS APPRECIATION. People are “dying” for affirmation/appreciation!
3. Mary Kay Ash teaches “to see as if they had a bumper sticker on their forehead that says: ‘PLEASE SEE ME AS A SIGNIFICANT INDIVIDUAL!’”
4. Work hard at developing an ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE: In every conversation find something you can express thanks:
  - a) to God for who/what He is.
  - b) to a person for who/what they do.

## I. WALK WITH GOD.

1. EVERYTHING YOU DO IS THE FRUIT OF A LIFETIME OF WALKING WITH GOD
  - a) No one will ever see your private walk with God!
  - b) No one will ever ask about it.
  - c) But, the FRUIT of it will be evident.
  - d) It will be the most under appreciated part of your leadership by far!
    - (1) People would rather you be *witty* than **spiritual**.
    - (2) People would rather you be *funny* than **godly**.
2. But when all is said and done...your walk with God is the FOUNDATION for all you will every accomplish in life of lasting significance.





**DAY 2, SESSION 2**  
**STRATEGIC IMPACT - BASIC LEADERSHIP THRUST**  
**"STRATEGY TO REACH YOUR LOST WORLD (10 STEPS)"**

**OVERVIEW:**

**Objective:** Speaker will give overall perspective of how to launch a church planting movement.

**Know:** Pastors/Leaders should understand the 10 steps of the Saturation Church Planting process.

**Feel:** Pastors/Leaders should feel personally impassioned and challenged to reach their nation for Christ and hungry for a tool by which to accomplish this.

**Do:** Pastors/Leaders should be able to recite the 10 Steps in order anytime with any person.

**OUTLINE:**

***Introduction:***

- What does God want? (1 Timothy 2:4) God wants everyone to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth.
- How does God fulfill his desire? God fulfills his desire through His people in His church who are to take the gospel to everyone on the planet. (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)
- God wants to do through you in His church in the 21st-century what he did through His church in the 1st century.
- What is God's strategy? We find it in the pages of the New Testament.
  1. Commit to God's mission to testify about Jesus. (Acts 20:24)
  2. Make multiplying disciples. (Acts 19:9; 2 Timothy 2:2)
  3. Multiplying disciples plant multiplying churches. (Colossians 1:8; 4:12)
  4. Multiplying churches saturate an area so that everyone hears how they may know Christ. (Acts 19:10; Colossians 1:7)
- How can we reproduce this basic model of the New Testament in our day?

**10 STEPS TO SATURATING YOUR AREA WITH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST:**

- I. **STEP 1: CHANGE** your **THINKING** from the goal of "building my great church" to "reaching my community / country / world" with the Gospel.
  - A. Christ never called you to "build a great church" - that is his job! (Matthew 16:18)
  - B. Christ called you to make multiplying disciples who will reach this world with the Gospel. (Matthew 28:18-20)

- II. **STEP 2: PRAY!** Prayer must permeate the entire church planting process (*Acts 13:1-3*)
- A. Pray about who and where you will plant new cell churches.
  - B. Enlist a prayer team who will pray through the whole process from beginning to end.
- III. **STEP 3:** Cast the VISION to God's people for the work of Saturation Church Planting. (*Acts 1:8; 13:1-3*)
- A. Define clearly how God wants to use **you** and **your church** to fulfill his Great Commission in your area.
  - B. "Paint a picture" of this vision to your people often.
- IV. **STEP 4:** Identify, select, GATHER and EQUIP a church planting TEAM, at least one each year. (*Acts 14:21-28; 19:9-10; Colossians 1:7; 2 Timothy 2:2*)
- A. Ask God to show you who you should train as a church planting team.
  - B. Spend quality time with this team training them in their personal walk with Christ and leading them in the process of launching a new cell church.
- V. **STEP 5:** Prayerfully select a SITE where you will start the new cell church. (*Acts 16:6-40*)
- A. Discern where the Holy Spirit is leading you to start a new cell church. (*Acts 16:6-15*)
  - B. Investigate needs, strongholds and activities in the area that would affect the new cell church. (*Acts 16:16-40*)
- VI. **STEP 6: EVANGELIZE** the people in the area. (*Acts 5:42; 14:21, 25; 20:20*)
- A. Train your team how to share the Gospel clearly and simply (use the SI Evangelism Tool).
  - B. Go to the people where they are and share the Gospel (on the streets, in their homes, in the markets and in groups).

VII. **STEP 7: DISCIPLE** the new believers where they are. (*Acts 14:22; 20:20*)

- A. Your team must personally visit the believers where they live and work in order to disciple them in their new faith.
- B. Use the Bible to help the new believers grow in their understanding of their new life in Christ. (See the SI discipleship curriculum)

VIII. **STEP 8: GATHER** the new believers together in a new cell church.

(*Acts 2:42, 46; 12:12; 16:40; Romans 16:15; 1 Corinthians 16:19; Colossians 4:15*)

- A. Decide where and when the new cell church will meet together.
- B. Meet together for 1) Welcome and fellowship, 2) worship and prayer, 3) study of the Bible, and 4) work and witness.

IX. **STEP 9: MULTIPLY** the Disciples and the new cell church. (*1 Thessalonians 1:7-8*)

- A. Repeat the first 8 steps!
- B. Raise up new leaders from the new cell church to continually multiply to the 3rd generation. (*2 Timothy 2:2*)

X. **STEP 10: LOCK ARMS** with other pastors/leaders to launch a Church Planting Movement to fulfill the Great Commission.

- A. Realize that we need others in the Body of Christ to do this great task.
- B. Strategize and work together to reach your whole community, nation and world with the gospel.

**CONCLUSION:**

- As each one of us takes seriously God's call on our lives, we can fulfill the Great Commission in our lifetime.
- This is the primary reason that God has left you on this planet at this time. Your life and your ministry is no accident!
- Will you commit to following these 10 steps to launching a church planting movement in your city?



**DAY 2, SESSION 3**  
**STRATEGIC IMPACT - BASIC LEADERSHIP THRUST**  
**“COMMITMENT TO THE GREAT COMMISSION”**

**OVERVIEW:**

**Objective:** Speaker will call for pastors and leaders to devote themselves to the priority of making disciples of all nations.

**Know:** Pastors/Leaders must know that Jesus’ priority for the Church is to make multiplying disciples of all nations.

**Feel:** Pastors/Leaders should be motivated to center their ministry on making multiplying disciples.

**Do:** Pastors/Leaders will commit themselves to personally training and equipping multiplying disciples.

**OUTLINE:**

***Introduction:***

- The Great Commission is NOT the latest fad or trend in ministry. It is not the latest type of conference to come to your community. The Great Commission should be at the CORE of your MINISTRY for your LIFETIME.
- There are many good activities that churches are involved in.
- But often churches forget the main ministry Jesus gave us to do - His Last Words: the Great Commission found 5 times in the New Testament (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:16; Luke 24:46-49; John 20:19-21; Acts 1:8)

**1. The Authority of Jesus compels us to do what He wants, Matthew 28:18**

- a. He is the Risen Lord Jesus who has authority in heaven and earth. Authority over both the supernatural AND the natural world!
- b. We are to obey and follow His will as King.

**2. The Command of Jesus clarifies what we are to do, v. 19**

- a. The only command in this verse is to **Make Disciples**. - the rest of the actions describe **HOW** we are to make disciples.
  - i. We do this ***as we go*** to different people.
    - 1. Most people live in an area where there are many nations (tribes or people groups), so, the question is not “will you go?” You GO everyday. The question is this: “***WILL YOU MAKE DISCIPLES?***”

- ii. We **baptize** them - initiate them into the faith under the Holy Trinity.
  1. *In baptism, we symbolically die to the old self and rise in new life with Christ.*
  2. *In baptism, we are immersed in Christ and to take on His characteristics - like dipping a cloth in a dye. The cloth does not become the dye, but it takes on some of the characteristics of the dye. We should be like Christ in the way we love, act, serve.*
  3. *In baptism, we are identified as a part of Jesus' people - the Church. It is a public display and declaration of joining in the family of God - the body of Christ - the Church.*
  
- iii. We **teach** them to obey all that He has taught us.
  1. *Once a person trusts in Jesus for salvation, they have been re-born. Just like a baby, they will need to be cared for with grace, understanding, and love.*
  2. *But the goal is NOT to leave them as infants in Christ! Our intention is to disciple them toward maturity in Jesus so that they may reproduce the life of Christ in others! That they will be multipliers!*
  
- b. This results in disciples who multiply - they go and make multiplying disciples.
- c. The goal is multiplying disciples in all nations (people groups) of the world.
- d. The time frame is until the end of the age. *This should never stop until Jesus returns.*

**The command to MAKE DISCIPLES and the actions given to do so  
must be the top priority for us in our ministry!**

### **3. The Presence of Jesus gives us confidence that we can accomplish His command, v. 20**

- a. He (*who has all authority*) will be **with us** as we do what He wants us to do.
- b. His presence will enable and supply all we need to fulfill His command.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

- No matter how you grow in ministry, you will NEVER “graduate” from the ministry of Disciple Making.
- If you went to a shoe factory and they had a lot of good people doing a lot of impressive things - but they did not make shoes - it would be a **failure**.
- If your church is not producing multiplying disciples we are not doing what Christ commands.
- Our church must make Jesus' last command our first priority.
- “Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.” - Colossians 1:28-29

**DAY 2, SESSION 4**  
**STRATEGIC IMPACT - BASIC LEADERSHIP THRUST**  
**“THE ESSENCE OF DISCIPLESHIP: DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING”**

**OVERVIEW:**

**Objective:** *Speaker will introduce the concept of discipling new believers and train how to use the 6 question follow up process on the back of the SI Evangelism Tool.*

**Know:** *Pastors/Leaders will understand that discipling is a life-on-life process of demonstrating and helping others to grow into mature and multiplying disciples.*

**Feel:** *Pastors/Leaders will be convinced of the necessity of personally discipling new believers one-on-one or in small groups of 2 or 3.*

**Do:** *Pastors/Leaders will commit to personally following up and discipling those they lead to faith in Christ.*

**OUTLINE:**

***Introduction:***

- When you faithfully share the Gospel with people, there will be those who respond and trust in Christ as their Savior.
  - It is vitally important to establish these new believers in their new faith in Christ, and then help them grow into maturing and multiplying disciples.
- I. We must visit new believers to disciple them where they live, work and go about their daily lives.**
- A. We must **go** to them and not expect them to come to us.
  - B. Disciple new believers individually or in small groups of 3 to 5 people.
- II. Begin by using the guidelines and 4 topics for 4 visits on the back of the SI Evangelism Tool (see “How To Use the SI Evangelism Tool” following this session)**
- A. *If possible*, make the first visit within 48 hours after a person receives Christ.
  - B. *If possible*, offer them (at least) a Gospel of John.

**III. After the first 4 Visits, ask the “faithful” disciples to continue to meet with you for further growth and discipleship.**

- A. If possible, provide a New Testament as a “graduation” gift for completing the first four visits.
- B. Ask them to continue to meet with you to grow in their faith using the **SI Discipleship Tool**.

**CONCLUSION:**

- It is not enough just to evangelize and get people to profess faith in Christ.
- Jesus did not command us to go and get decisions, but to “go and make disciples.”
- It is not sufficient to just invite new believers to your church; you must help them personally in their new faith. We must give individual attention to new believers to help them grow into maturing and multiplying disciples.
- Will you and your team commit to personally discipling the people you lead to faith in Christ?

<p>Team Name:</p> <hr/> <p>Cell Church Leader:</p> <hr/> <p>Time/Day of Cell Church Launch:</p> <hr/> <p>Person Sharing the Gospel:</p> <hr/>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DISCIPLESHIP</b></p> <p><b>DIRECTIONS:</b> Using the questions to the Right and the verses to the Far Right, do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Meet together and read the verses aloud while others listen and read along.</li> <li>(2) Allow everyone to answer the questions.</li> <li>(3) Read the verses again after question 2 &amp; question 4.</li> <li>(4) When you finish, ask what you can pray about for each other.</li> <li>(5) Pray.</li> </ol> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>STRATEGIC IMPACT</b> INTERNATIONAL</p> <p>P.O. Box 1901 · Denton, TX 76202 www.StrategicImpactInternational.com © Permission to copy with attribution</p> </div>	<p><b>QUESTIONS:</b> <b>Read</b> the verses for this Visit <b>aloud</b> and then discuss the first two questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) What did you <u>like</u> about this passage?</li> <li>(2) What did you <u>not like</u>, or find <u>confusing</u>, about this passage? <b>-[READ VERSES ALOUD AGAIN]-</b></li> <li>(3) What do you learn about <u>people</u> from this passage?</li> <li>(4) What do you learn about <u>God</u>? <b>-[READ VERSES ALOUD AGAIN]-</b></li> <li>(5) In light of these verses, how will your life be different this week? <b>[NOTE: Write down answers and follow up about this on the next visit.]</b></li> <li>(6) Who will you tell about Jesus this week or disciple using this material? <b>[NOTE: Name someone and tell why and when you will tell him or her. Write these down and follow up next visit.]</b></li> </ol>	<p><b>SCRIPTURES:</b></p> <p><b>Visit 1:</b> "Who is Jesus?" John 11:17-27</p> <p><b>Visit 2:</b> "Understand God's Love" John 3:16-18</p> <p><b>Visit 3:</b> "Be Sure of Your Salvation" John 10:27-30</p> <p><b>Visit 4:</b> "Abide in Jesus" John 15:1-11</p>
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## Follow this 5 step process when you meet together:

1. **RELATE:** Ask how they are doing and find out what has been happening in their lives since your last meeting.
2. **ENCOURAGE:** Begin your time mutually answering encouragement/accountability questions:
  - a. Did you spend time alone with God in His Word and prayer every day since we last met? What did God say to you?
  - b. Have you walked in love in your important relationships with others in your family, friends, neighbors and church?
  - c. Have you given into an addictive behavior?
  - d. Did you complete the commitments that you made from our Bible study last time? How?

### **DISCIPLESHIP**

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

Using the questions to the Right and the verses to the Far Right, do the following:

- (1) Meet together and read the verses aloud while others listen and read along.
- (2) Allow everyone to answer the questions.
- (3) Read the verses again after question 2 & question 4.
- (4) When you finish, ask what you can pray about for each other.
- (5) Pray.



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- a. Have new disciples break into groups of 3 and use the 6 questions (*shown below*) to do **Visit 1** - Make sure everyone understands how to use the 6 Questions.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

**Read** the verses for this Visit **aloud** and then discuss the first two questions:

- (1) What did you like about this passage?
- (2) What did you not like, or find confusing, about this passage?  
**-[READ VERSES ALOUD AGAIN]-**
- (3) What do you learn about people from this passage?
- (4) What do you learn about God?  
**-[READ VERSES ALOUD AGAIN]-**
- (5) In light of these verses, how will your life be different this week? **[NOTE: Write down answers and follow up about this on the next visit.]**
- (6) Who will you tell about Jesus this week or disciple using this material? **[NOTE: Name someone and tell why and when you will tell him or her. Write these down and follow up next visit.]**

3. **DISCUSS:** Read and discuss the Bible passage assigned to each visit's topic using the 6 question format.

(the instructions are on the Tool)

- b. Go through **Visit 1:** "Know Jesus?" based on John 1:1-18.
- c. Make sure everyone feels comfortable discussing the questions together based on the passage of Scripture. *[NOTE: This is not the place for a sermon. You are helping the new believers learn how to study and apply the Scriptures in their lives.]*

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- 4. **PLAN:** Agree on a portion of Scripture that each will read individually during the week. (3 chapters per day is suggested).
  - a. Be sensitive to those who do not know how to read.
  - b. Provide alternatives like audio Bibles if possible.
  - c. Make sure to write down the answers from Questions 5 and 6 for follow up in your next visit.
  - d. Schedule your next Discipleship Visit.
  - e. Observe who is committed and faithful to participate - doing the reading at home, and ready to learn more about Christ and to share Jesus with others. THESE are the people whom you should continue the discipleship relationship with after the initial 4 Visits.

5. **PRAY:** Conclude your time by praying together for each other and the commitments made from Questions 5 and 6.

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**DAY 3, SESSION 1**  
**STRATEGIC IMPACT - BASIC LEADERSHIP THRUST**  
**"THE MINISTRY MAP OF THE SCHOOL OF MULTIPLYING CHURCH PLANTERS**  
**AND SCHOOL OF MULTIPLYING LEADERS - INVITATION TO ENROLL"**

**OVERVIEW:**

**Objective:** *Speaker will share the vision and process of launching a movement of saturation church planting through the SMCP and challenge leaders to enroll in the SMCP.*

**Know:** *Pastors/Leaders should understand that we will saturate a city/area/region with the Gospel through making multiplying disciples who ignite church planting movements.*

**Feel:** *Pastors/Leaders should feel excited and confident to have a tool which will help them become and make multiplying disciples/church planters.*

**Do:** *Pastors/Leaders will commit to enroll in the SMCP.*

**OUTLINE:**

***Introduction:***

- God has called you as leaders of His church to fulfill the Great Commission in your city/area/region.
- You have all the resources and potential to accomplish this great mission.
- As members of His church we are called to make disciples of all the nations, beginning where we live.
- The question is, "How do we give every person in our city, our state, our country, our region an opportunity to say 'Yes' to Jesus?"
- We don't need a new strategy or method. We need to go back to the strategy the 1st Church used in the 1st century - because they did it!

**I. Paul disciplined people in one city (Ephesus) and reached a whole nation (Asia) with the Gospel in two years! Acts 19:8-10.**

- A. It is easy to miss the the word "all."
- B. Paul never left Ephesus and yet the Gospel spread throughout all of Asia.
- C. During this time the 7 churches of Revelation 2-3 were started (they are all located in the Province of Asia).

**So, how did this happen, and how can we reproduce it?**

**II. Paul followed the 2 Timothy 2:2 model: he trained multiplying trainers, who made multiplying disciples who started multiplying churches. Example:**

- A. During this time Epaphras, from Colossae in Asia, must have visited Ephesus and heard the Gospel and then returned to evangelize and start a church.
  - 1. Epaphras evangelized the people in Colossae, 1:5-7.
  - 2. Paul had never been to Colossae, 2:1.
- B. Epaphras disciplined and trained Archippus and Apphia, who were involved in house church ministry in Colossae, Colossians 4:17, Philemon 2.
- C. Perhaps Archippus, and Apphia trained and equipped Nympha, who had a church in her house in nearby Laodecia, 4:15.
- D. Philemon had a church in his house, Philemon 2.
- E. 4 Generations!: Paul<sup>1</sup> (Ephesus) to Epaphras<sup>2</sup> (Colosse) to Archippus<sup>3</sup> and Apphia<sup>3</sup> (Colosse) to Nympha<sup>4</sup> (Laodecia).

**III. We MUST follow this model if we want to see the same results in our city, country and region!**

- A. Multiplying Trainers make Multiplying Disciples who start Multiplying churches.
- B. The basic strategy: **Evangelize, disciple, train, multiply.**
- C. Strategic Impact has developed tools which follow this pattern (*show Ministry Map*)
  - 1. SCHOOL OF MULTIPLYING CHURCH PLANTERS and a
  - 2. SCHOOL OF MULTIPLYING LEADERS
  - 3. The Basic Parts of the Schools are:
    - a) Personal Growth: Meet together with a team of 3 or 4 each week to encourage growth in character and time in the Word of God.
    - b) Ministry and personal growth: Read and discuss an exercise together.
    - c) Actions: Apply the exercise to your life each week.
    - d) Share the Gospel with at least one person every week.

#### IV. If you are faithful to enroll and follow the process these things will happen:

- A. *You will* **grow** in your faith and become a maturing church planter and leader.
- B. *You will* **gain** close friends and encouragers in your walk and ministry for Christ.
- C. *You will* **win** others to faith in Jesus Christ.
- D. *You will* **start** and **lead** at least one new cell church.
- E. *You will* **train** other multiplying church planters and leaders to the 4th generation.

#### CONCLUSION:

- We are not here to just have a good conference.
- We are here to launch a movement to reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- The **Challenge** to you is to commit to become a multiplying disciple who plants multiplying cells and trains other multiplying disciples by **enrolling in the School of Multiplying Church Planters**.
- These are the best and most critical days to be alive as a Christian. Don't waste these opportunities. Give yourself to reaching your world with the Gospel. Enroll in the SMCP to launch a movement to reach your city, country, region and world.



**DAY 3, SESSION 3**  
**STRATEGIC IMPACT - BASIC LEADERSHIP THRUST**  
**"ELEMENTS OF THE SCHOOL OF MULTIPLYING CHURCH PLANTERS"**

**OVERVIEW:**

**Objective:** *Speaker will assure all new students in the School of Multiplying Church Planters are in a Life Transformation Group, understand the process of the SMCP, and have their weekly LTG meetings scheduled.*

**Know:** *Pastors/Leaders should clearly understand the School of Multiplying Church Planters.*

**Feel:** *Pastors/Leaders should feel comfortable and confident in their ability to continue in the School of Multiplying Church Planters.*

**Do:** *Pastors/Leaders should have experienced the first Exercise of the SMCP.*

**NOTE:** The School of Multiplying Church Planters needs a **Coordinator** for each site.

The responsibilities of this Coordinator are:

**1. Set the day and time when the School will meet.**

- a. The School should meet every week for 14 weeks for each Stage of the SMCP. If a group decides to skip a week due to a schedule conflict, they should pick up where they left off and NOT SKIP OVER an Exercise.

**2. Begin and end the meetings at the agreed upon time. (Ephesians 5:15-16; James 5:12)**

- a. Each meeting should last one to one and half hours. The Coordinator should begin the meeting on time and make sure that it finishes on time.

**3. Make sure the participants are part of a Life Transformation Group of 3 to 5.**

- a. One of the most important elements of the School are the Groups of 3 to 5. These groups meet together at the beginning of each session for 20 to 30 minutes to ask each other the accountability questions. This is **crucial** and the Coordinator is responsible to see that every participant is part of one of these groups and that the groups meet at the beginning of each session.

**4. Guide the group through the Exercise.**

- a. After the time of accountability with their Life Transformation Group, gather everyone together to read through each exercise and talk through the Discussion Questions.

**5. Keep a record of attendance.**

- a. The Coordinator should note who is attending each session, and if they did the Actions for the week. A certificate is to be awarded at the end of the School of Multiplying Church Planters. Only those who faithfully participated by being present AND completing the weekly Actions will receive the certificate.

## **OUTLINE:**

### ***Introduction:***

- These are the greatest days to be alive and God wants to use you to do His glorious work in the world!
- You are hand chosen as His representative to reach this generation (Revelation 1:5-6).
- Because the Holy Spirit lives in you, if you were the only Christian on earth, you have within you the potential to expand Christ's kingdom to reach the entire world!
- The SMCP is a tool designed to help you grow to become a multiplier that God can use to accomplish His purposes for you where you are in this generation.

## **5 ESSENTIAL FACTORS for the SCHOOL OF MULTIPLYING CHURCH PLANTERS:**

1. **FELLOWSHIP, ACCOUNTABILITY, and BIBLE READING** - *Commit to the Life Transformation Group (Hebrews 10:24-25, James 5:16).*
  - a. This is the heart of the SMCP. It is mutual discipleship. It is encouraging one another in love and good deeds. It is confessing sin and keeping each other accountable for our walk with Christ. It is NOT meant to be legalistic but a loving fellowship that helps each of us to become all that God wants us to be.
2. **LEARNING** - *Read and discuss the exercises each week.*
  - a. These exercises are meant to stimulate your thinking and discuss ideas together that will help you grow in each topic. Simply read the concepts and then answer the discussion questions. Your interaction with one another will best help you grasp and learn the topic.
3. **OUTREACH** - *Seek to share the Gospel with someone every week. (2 Corinthians 5:20)*
  - a. Our goal is to always be involved in telling others how they might come to faith in Christ. Part of the SMCP is your doing this regularly. This could take various forms: asking spiritual questions, sharing your testimony, telling how God has worked in your life recently, sharing answers to prayer, sharing the Gospel message. As you do this, you will find those who are open and want to accept Christ.
4. **WORSHIPFUL OBEDIENCE** - *Do the "Actions" each week. (James 1:22-25 - Blessing comes in doing)*
  - a. If you do these Actions you will make disciples that reach the world! Designed to launch a movement of disciple makers which leads to church planting. Not an intellectual/informational exercise, but a change of lifestyle.
5. **PRAYER and MULTIPLICATION** - *Pray for, enlist and lead other emerging Church Planters through the SMCP after the 1st Stage. (2 Timothy 2:2)*
  - a. If you do not have someone to start leading through the Stage 1 Manual - you will not be allowed to continue into the Stage 3 Manual with your original group. This is a school of MULTIPLYING leaders. If you are not ready to help others, then don't proceed. When you demonstrate that you are ready to help others, then you can continue.

## **STEPS to Set Up the School:**

1. From the new SMCP students, form Life Transformation Groups of 3-5 Leaders in each group.
  - a. *IF POSSIBLE:* Match Pastors with Pastors, Men with men, Women with women.
  - b. IF a Pastor is going to start a Life Transformation Group in his church, assign the Pastor to a temporary LTG so they may have the experience of the process.
2. Have the students WRITE THEIR NAME and CONTACT INFORMATION on the front of their manual - it is THEIRS to keep and use.
3. Have the students exchange CONTACT INFORMATION with the other members of their Life Transformation Group so they may maintain contact and communicate regularly.
4. Have the students AGREE on an amount of Scripture to read DAILY.
5. Have the students AGREE on a Day, Time and Place to meet WEEKLY.
  - a. We highly recommend that the Life Transformation Group meet every week possible in order to move forward through Stages of the School of Multiplying Church Planters.

## **ACTIONS OF THE WEEKLY MEETING:**

1. Accountability Questions
  - a. This is not for judgement, but for loving encouragement toward righteousness.
2. Exercise
  - a. Read 1st section.
  - b. Participate in the Group Discussion.
    - i. NOTE: *This is NOT a time to preach. This is a time to learn with and from one another.*
  - c. Continue through the Exercise.
3. Weekly Actions
  - a. Over the next 7 days, DO the Actions.
  - b. The SMCP is NOT only about learning... but DOING.

**STRATEGIC IMPACT SCHOOL OF MULTIPLYING CHURCH PLANTERS**  
**SMCP SAMPLE EXERCISE - "MINISTRY MAP: THE POWER OF MULTIPLICATION"**

*As your team begins to meet, pray for one another and ask the Life Transformation Questions on page 11. Then gather as a group and read through the following exercise, discussing the questions together.*

**The PRINCIPLE of MULTIPLICATION**

One of the guiding principles of Strategic Impact is to MULTIPLY at every level: Disciples, Churches, Leaders, and Movements. We seek to train the few to reach the many. But how is that possible? How will fully equipping a few result in your community, your city, your province, your nation, and your continent being reached with the Gospel? This is the hidden power of multiplication.

This principle is nothing new. It is a Biblical principle. Consider 2 Timothy 2:2, "...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."

There are 4 generations represented here:

Paul (*1st Generation*)

Timothy (*2nd Generation*)

Faithful Men (*3rd Generation*)

Others Also (*4th Generation*)

Though Timothy is mentioned, we know that Paul was investing deeply into the lives of a few others, Titus, Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, Tychicus and Trophimus from the province of Asia, and some others.

We, too, seek to multiply to the 4th generation.

**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** *In the midst of your broad ministry (preaching and leading the church), do you ALSO have a few people in whom you are investing deeply to make them multipliers? Can you trace the multiplication to the 4th Generation?*

**The POWER of MULTIPLICATION**

So how is this powerful? From where does the growth come?

Example: Which would you choose between the following two approaches to growth?

*Option A) Adding 1000 new members to your church every year for the next 20 years.*

- OR -

*Option B) Starting with 2 multiplying disciples, having each of them reproduce themselves in 2 others every year for 20 years.*

Let's look at both over time:

	<b>Option A</b> (add 1000 each year) <i>Total Number of Disciples</i>	<b>Option B</b> (start with 2 and double each year) <i>Total Number of Disciples</i>
Year 1	1,000	2
Year 2	2,000	6
Year 3	3,000	18
Year 4	4,000	54
Year 5	5,000	162
Year 6	6,000	486
Year 7	7,000	1,458
Year 8	8,000	4,374
Year 9	9,000	13,122
Year 10	10,000	39,366
Year 11	11,000	118,098
Year 12	12,000	354,294
Year 13	13,000	1,062,882
Year 14	14,000	3,188,646
Year 15	15,000	9,565,938
Year 16	16,000	28,697,814
Year 17	17,000	86,093,442
Year 18	18,000	258,280,326
Year 19	19,000	774,840,978
Year 20	20,000	2,324,522,934

With spiritual “*addition*,” there is growth - and that is good.

But with spiritual “*multiplication*,” the growth is EXPONENTIAL!

In Year 1, you have 2 multiplying disciples.

In Year 2, you have the same 2 multiplying disciples PLUS the 4 new multiplying disciples (2 for each of the first generation). Yielding a total of 6!

Year 3 has 6 from the previous years and adds 2 for each of them. Yielding a total of 18!

Another insight is that this LOOKS SLOW at first. You are being very **intentional** toward discipling a few believers deeply... so that they also become *multipliers*!

With “**addition**,” you will be overseeing 1000 new believers - baby Christians - from the beginning. There is no hope to grow them all to be mature multipliers through direct discipleship! The need to “*teach them to obey all that I have commanded*” (Matthew 28:18-20... the Great Commission) can only be done from the pulpit on Sundays... which is helpful, but will not produce mature multipliers. You simply do not have the necessary time to spend with each new believer in direct discipleship. HOWEVER, with “**multiplication**,” you will always be investing in 2 new disciples for the period of a year... then making sure they are doing the same thing with their 2 new disciples.

*DISCUSSION QUESTION: Can you see the advantage of spiritual “multiplication” over spiritual “addition”? Are you willing to take the steps to “go deep” with a few, so that they may become multipliers?*

### **The MINISTRY MAP**

The Ministry Map on the next page is designed to both help you “see” this process of multiplication and to help you track you own multiplication to the 4th Generation. Please remove it from your booklet. You may keep the Ministry Map in your Bible or journal and keep multiplication before you - and remind you to pray for those you are discipling and the men and women they are discipling.

How to use the Ministry Map:

1. Write your name on the line in the center of the page - *1st Generation*.
2. Fold the Ministry Map in half so that the fold cuts across your name.
3. The names of the 2 people you will be discipling will be written on the lines at the end of your name - *2nd Generation*.
4. Fold the Ministry Map again so that the fold cuts across the names of the 2nd Generation church planters.
5. Repeat with every future generation (as they come into the process of multiplication).

As you unfold the Ministry Map again to see the entire page, you will notice small rectangles formed by the folds. When we began, there was one rectangle - YOU. One multiplier for the Kingdom. When you wrote the names of the 2nd Generation Church Planters and made your first fold, you formed 2 more rectangles to make a total of 3. You and the two 2nd Generation church planters. At the next generation of multiplication and the next fold, those two became four more - so now there is 7 multipliers, represented by the 7 rectangles on the Ministry Map. And it grows from there.

### **MULTIPLICATION to the 4th GENERATION**

It is best to track this to the 4th Generation. If the multipliers whom you train continue to multiply multipliers to the 4th Generation, then most likely the process of multiplication will be locked into their training. Make sure that **each individual in each generation** begins their own Ministry Map (any blank paper may be used as their Map) to track multiplication and assure that it continues.

This is the heart of the *School of Multiplying Church Planters*. As you meet with your team to work through the 3 stages in the *SMCP* over the next months, you will learn to lead people to faith in Jesus and make multiplying disciples and multiplying church planters - to the **4th generation!** You will obey Jesus’ Great Commission! He will use you as part of His great plan for this generation!

**KEY CONCEPT: ALL WE HAVE TO DO TO FULFILL THE GREAT COMMISSION IS TO MAKE SURE EACH DISCIPLE CONTINUES TO MULTIPLY TO THE 4th GENERATION.**

**ACTIONS this week:**

**Day 1:** If you commit before the lord to multiply to the 4th generation then remove the Ministry Map on the next page and ***sign your name*** in the center blank.

**Day 2:** Commit to begin SMCP in your church with your team.

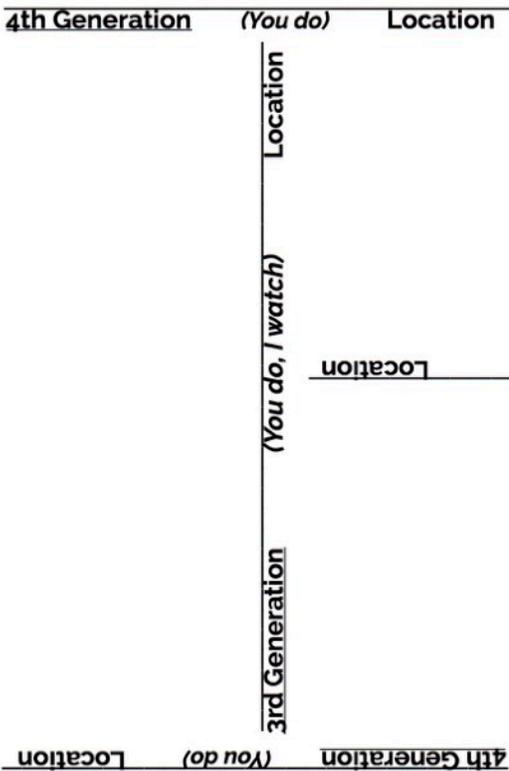
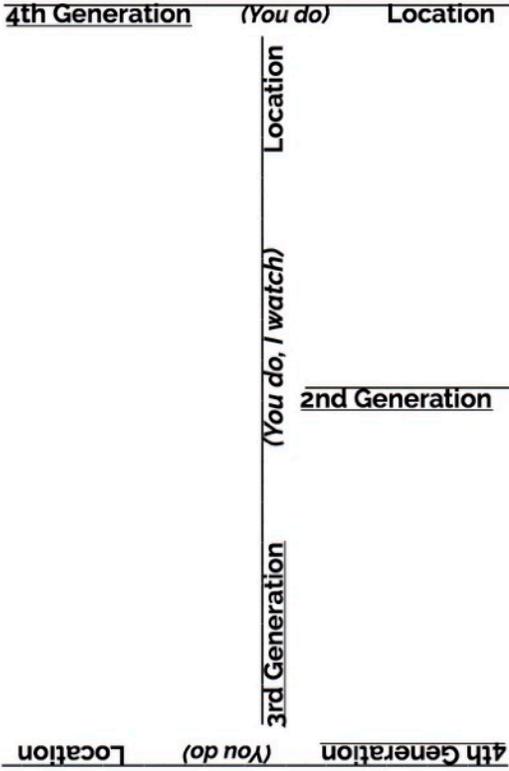
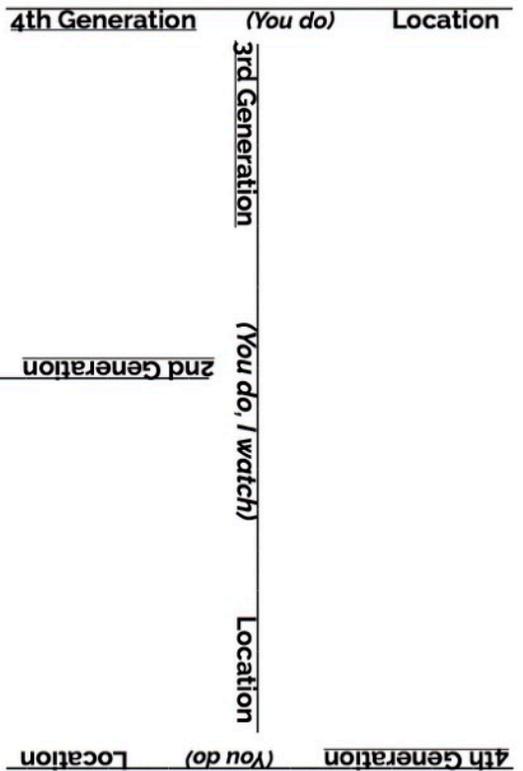
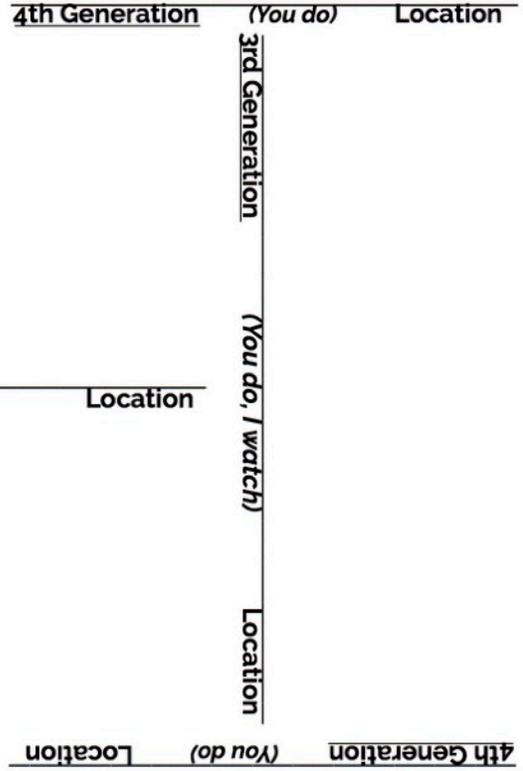
List the names of people who are you going to invite into the SMCP.

Where and when are you going to hold your first weekly meeting?

**Day 3:** Contact all the names you listed and share the SMCP with them - invite them to join.

**Day 4:** Launch your SMCP groups in your church with your team.

# MINISTRY MAP





**DAY 3, SESSION 4**  
**STRATEGIC IMPACT - BASIC LEADERSHIP THRUST**  
**"LOCKING ARMS COVENANT"**

**OVERVIEW:**

**Objective:** *Speaker will inspire the Pastors/Leaders to covenant to fulfill the Great Commission.*

**Know:** *Pastors/Leaders should know they are walking in God's will when they are spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

**Feel:** *Pastors/Leaders will feel excitement and conviction to fully devote themselves to reaching this generation with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

**Do:** *Pastors/Leaders will fulfill their covenant with God and with each other by making the Great Commission central to their ministry.*

- Jesus came for the purpose of reconciling the lost to Himself!
  - *"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." - Luke 19:10*
- He is not willing that **ANY** should miss the opportunity to say "Yes" to Jesus!
  - *"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." - 2 Peter 3:9*
- His method to accomplish this is **US!** We have been called out of darkness into light **SO THAT WE** may **PROCLAIM** His excellencies to this generation!
  - *"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." - 1 Peter 2:9*
- We are **HIS AMBASSADORS** to this world! We are **HIS REPRESENTATIVES** to reach **THIS GENERATION** with the **ONLY** hope of salvation - Jesus Christ!!!
  - *"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." - 2 Corinthians 5:20*
- And we are not the first! Many faithful came before us, including **John Knox**, a Presbyterian Evangelist from Scotland, who cried out to God: **"Give me Scotland... or I die!"** He desired for his people to be reached with the Gospel so badly, that he was willing to exchange his very life for their eternal souls. God honored that desperate prayer, and used John Knox mightily to evangelize **his homeland**.

We are looking for that same level of commitment! We are looking for men and women of God who will cry out **WITH US** "God, give me \_\_\_\_\_ (community, city, country, continent) \_\_\_\_\_ or I DIE!"

If you are 100% sincere before Almighty God,  
I invite you to make that covenant with us right now:

**"Lord, by your grace, I give myself completely TO YOU.**  
**And with John Knox, we pray: 'Give me \_\_\_\_\_... or I die!'**

***I pledge to You, heavenly Father, to devote my life to reaching  
my generation with the Gospel of Jesus Christ... or die trying.***

***In Jesus' Name, Amen."***

# 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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