

## PIONEER MOVEMENTS

Third Thursday, August 17, 2023 (9:30am - 10:30am)

### Prayer Time

- Luke 10:2

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- Prayer + Missions go together!
- Organize prayer, Mobilize disciple-making
- Unfortunately, Church Leaders assume that Christians will pray automatically and that Christians need to be micromanaged to make disciples. The OPPOSITE is true. We must organize and structure believers into prayer/worship, and we must resource and release believers to make disciples/ plant church communities.

### Ephesians 2:20

- Foundational Dynamics of Church Movements
- Jesus LOVES His Church; He doesn't like it when we go through the motions; He loves it when we are living in movement (spiritual momentum)
- Dynamic #1 - Christ, the CORNERSTONE (Word/ Spirit)
- Dynamic #2 - Prophetic Ministry (Answering the call to: COME)
- Dynamic #3 - Apostolic Ministry (Answering the call to: GO)
- Church Movements have a Come & Go Culture; that describes the movement! That always in a state of movement – coming to the LORD (prophetic ministry) and going with the LORD (apostolic mission).
- Ephesians 2 are Corporate functions in the foundation; Ephesians 4 are Christ-given leaders that build up the Church... The whole Church is called to follow Jesus as LORD and function prophetically and apostolically. We get to follow Jesus together. We get to function prophetically together. We get to function apostolically together.

## SPIRITUAL MOMENTUM

What's the difference between Church Stuck In The Motions and Church Movement?

One factor is that Church Movements have real, lasting spiritual momentum! Let's look at 4 elements of spiritual momentum – seeking the LORD for **spiritual momentum**, putting a premium on **aligning leaders**, insisting on doing the work of ministry through **empowering teamwork**, and staying focused on **fulfilling the Mission** (Great Co-Mission) with a *simple* framework.

### Spiritual Momentum

1. The LORD's voice/Word releases spiritual momentum
2. WIND - How do we see the invisible (wind/ breath of God)?
3. SEE - Silence, Emphasis, Engage

### Leadership Alignment

1. After we hear from the LORD (on-going), we focus on aligning our leaders
2. GEESE flying in V-Formation – How do we synergize our leadership efforts?
3. Role Clarity - Galatian 2:9, recognize the Grace of God on each leader to design a cohesive org chart
4. NOTE: Organize your team around your mission, not your miscellaneous tasks. Getting clear on your vision and mission statements is one way we can ensure that we structure our leaders and teams to be effective. We use the mission statement to structure the org chart!

### **Team Empowerment**

1. After we hear from the LORD (on-going) and align leaders, we insist on everyone getting empowered by putting them in team environments
2. MOUNTAIN HIKING – How do we make progress despite opposition?
3. It takes a team to get to the top! We know individuals cannot accomplish mountain-sized goals, but teams can. That's why we really work on the quality of our teamwork overall.
4. 4 Traits of Empowering Teamwork
  - a. They TRAIN together. (You have to show up and put in the reps.)
  - b. They TRUST each other. (Trust comes after training.)
  - c. They TRACK their progress. (Use written communication to set goals, schedules, reporting, etc.)
  - d. They TRY hard things together. (Teams set stretch goals.)
5. Recruiting people can be difficult. One of the unnoticed reasons people DO NOT join/ stay in ministry work is because there is NO Empowering Teamwork. Shifting the way your ministry/ movement does teamwork will make your teams more successful and attractive to others!

### **Mission Fulfillment**

1. After we hear from the LORD (on-going), align leaders, and empower teamwork, we focus on fulfilling the mission (Great Commission) with a simple framework!
2. LARGE TERRITORY - How do we take spiritual ownership of such a large territory (city)?
3. We have to put (plan) our ministry efforts on a city-wide map!
4. Instead of becoming distracted or over-extended, we focus on simple framework that can scale on a large map. We don't plan on doing a lot of things in a small area. We plan on doing a few things well on a large map!
5. 4-Part Framework
  - a. Community Gatherings - our objective is to grow a community over time, not just entertain a crowd
  - b. Group Discipleship - our objective is to grow disciples in groups, not just 1-1
  - c. Team-based Ministry - our objective is to minister to the LORD and others as a team, not just as "super-saints"
  - d. Servant Leadership - our objective is to equip servant-leaders based on their sphere of influence, not just volunteer teams for random activities
6. How can you simplify your ministry strategy to reach a larger map?