

The Man of God *in action*



In a world in
Darkness,



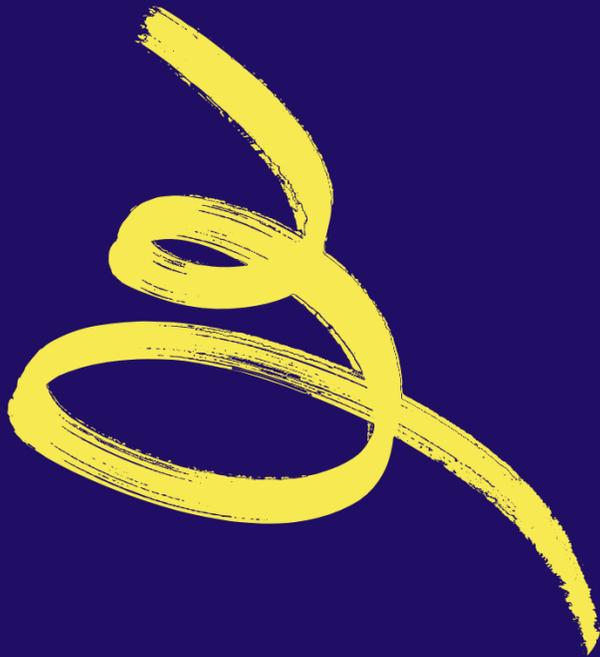


be His



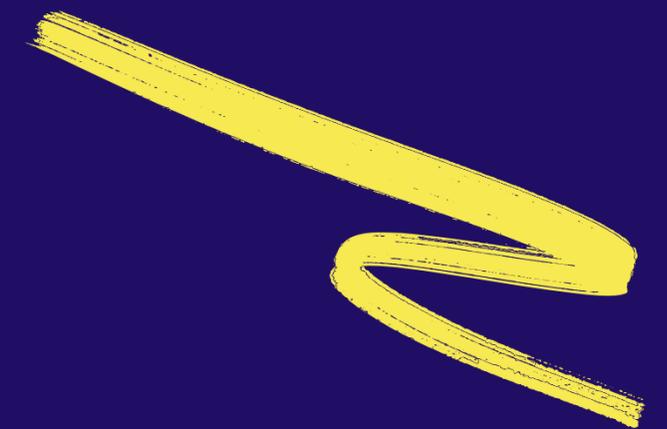
where you
are.





**“The things which you
have heard from me in
the presence of many
witnesses, entrust these
to faithful men who will
be able to teach
others also.”**

2 Timothy 2:2



In many areas
the church
is

shrinking



only expanding among
immigrants.



**We are not
doing
much better.**



Baptisms & POFs by Ethnic Group

Ontario Conference



- Unknown
- Native American/First Nation
- Asian
- African American/African Descent (non-Hispanic)
- Hispanic
- White (non-Hispanic)
- Other
- Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- Multiracial

Medium age of USA Adventists

is

60

Years old

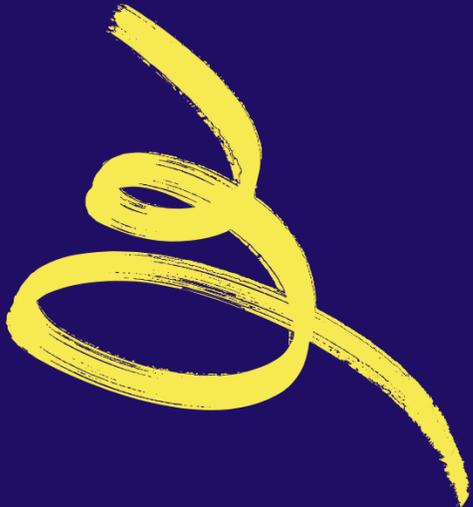


SDA churches of a certain
age... stagnate

one E-effort once a year

*little
results!!*

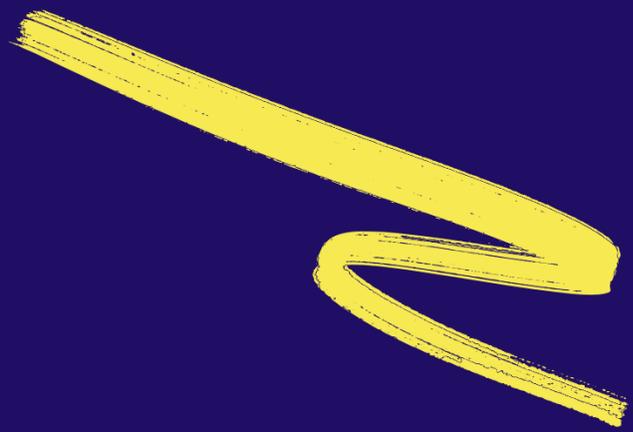


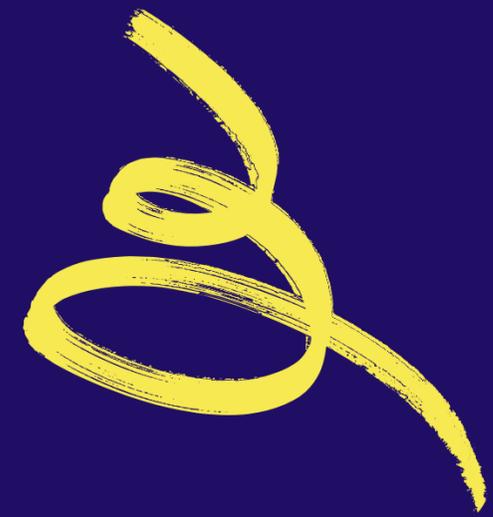


Inviting people into the
kingdom of God is

labor-intensive

and requires our
focus, time, energy,
sacrifice, training,
discipline.





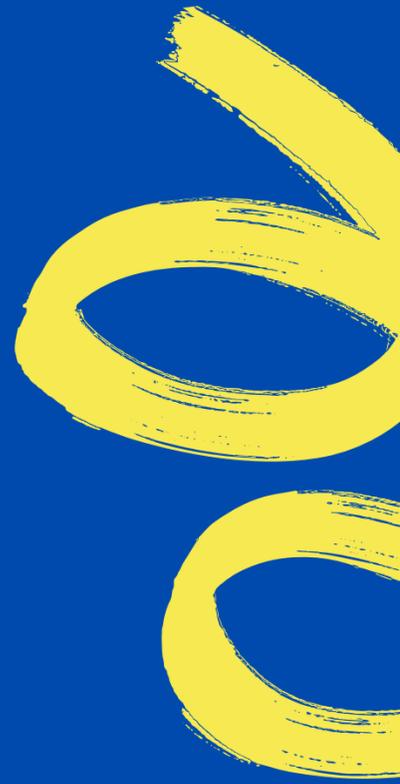
Sporadic effort

**WON'T
WORK!!**



Needed:

**Men who have
spent time
growing their
relationship
with God**



Needed:



Men convicted that

everyone deserves

to know

GOD

Strategy

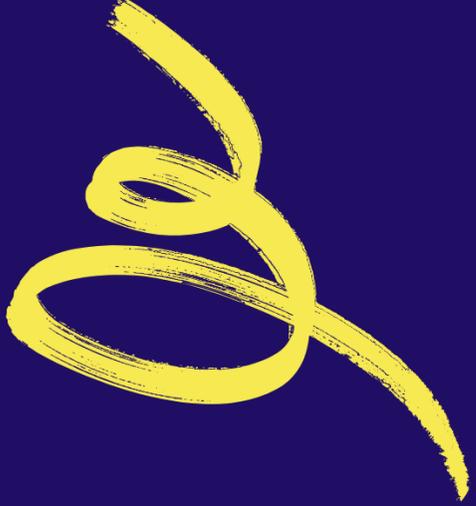
On 2nd or 3rd year

**Address the imbalance
of nurture vs outreach**

If your church invests
time & resources on
maintenance vs outreach

at a **70/30** or **60/40**
ratio ratio

GREAT OPPORTUNITY



**We will be focused
on what Jesus
called us to do...**

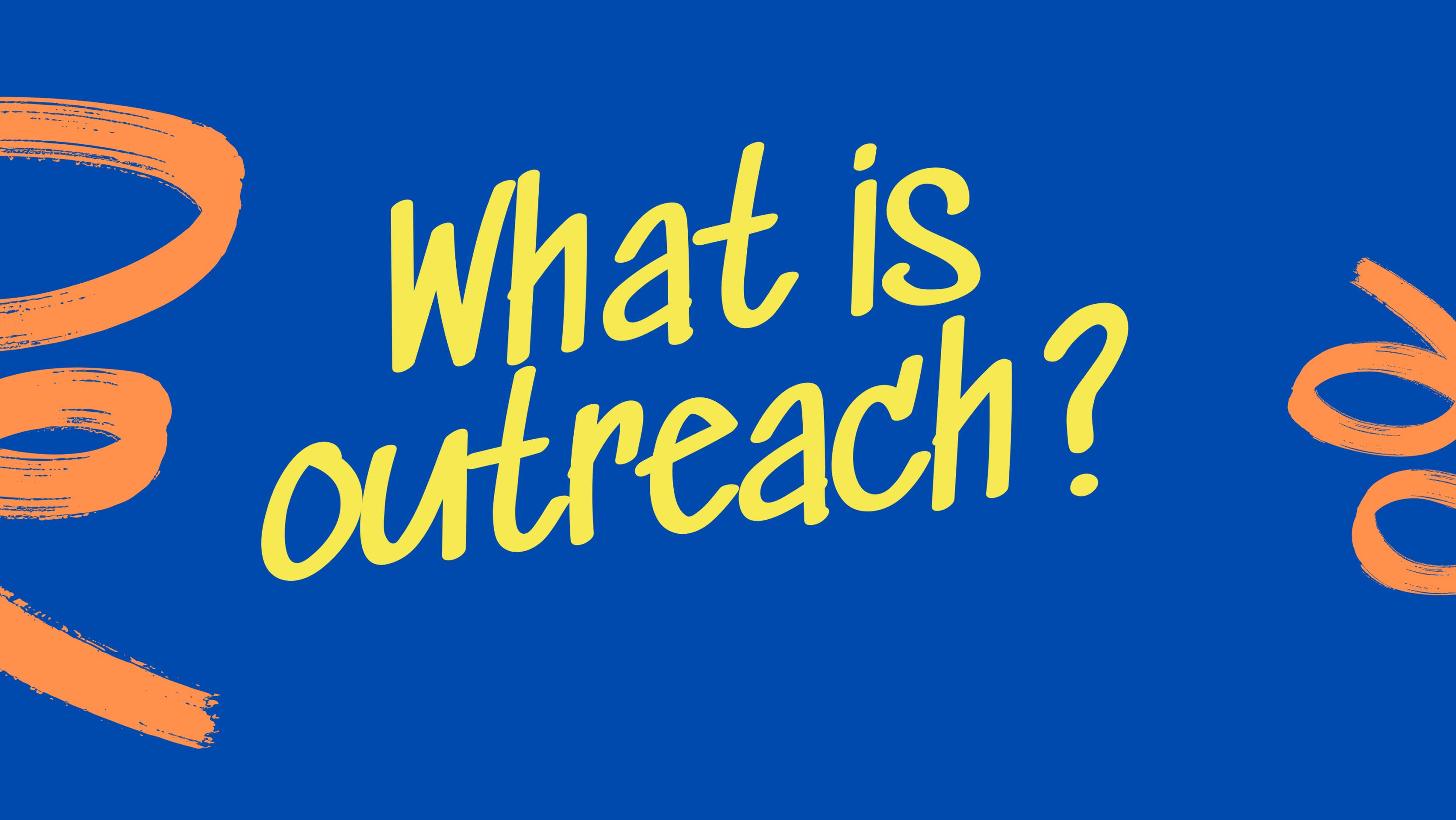
*spreading His Gospel
and
making disciples*



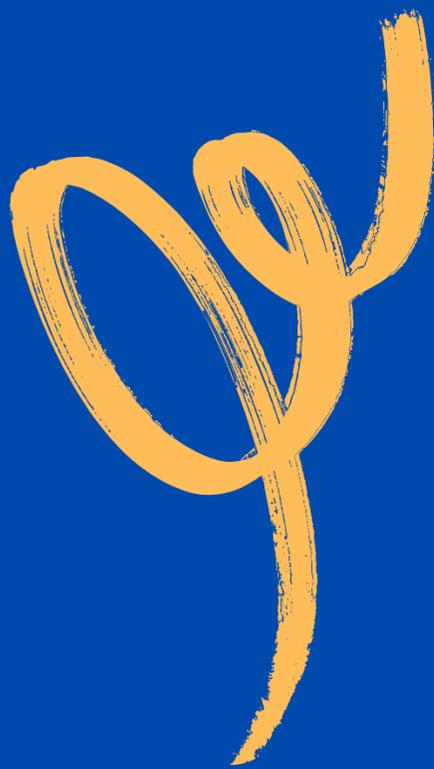


Let's get
started!



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What is
outreach?



of outreach



Is any and all ways of delivering the good news about God's plan of salvation to everyone in the world.



Outreach opportunities are

Limitless

Methods vary



“Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible...”

1 Corinthians 9:19



“To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law.”

1 Corinthians 9:20-21



“To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law), so as to win those not having the law.”

1 Corinthians 9:22



**“To the weak I became weak,
to win the weak. I have become
all things to all people
so that by all possible means
I might save some.”**

1 Corinthians 9:23, 24





Paul spoke about the gospel in the context of his audience.

This means

*we must
meet people*

where they are.



But
first,



listen for
the
Holy Spirit



Ananias
listened...

“Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul... he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.”

Acts 9:11, 12



he met & healed
the persecutor of all
Christians



Listen...

divine direction
may come in the form of a
distinct impression



BUT...

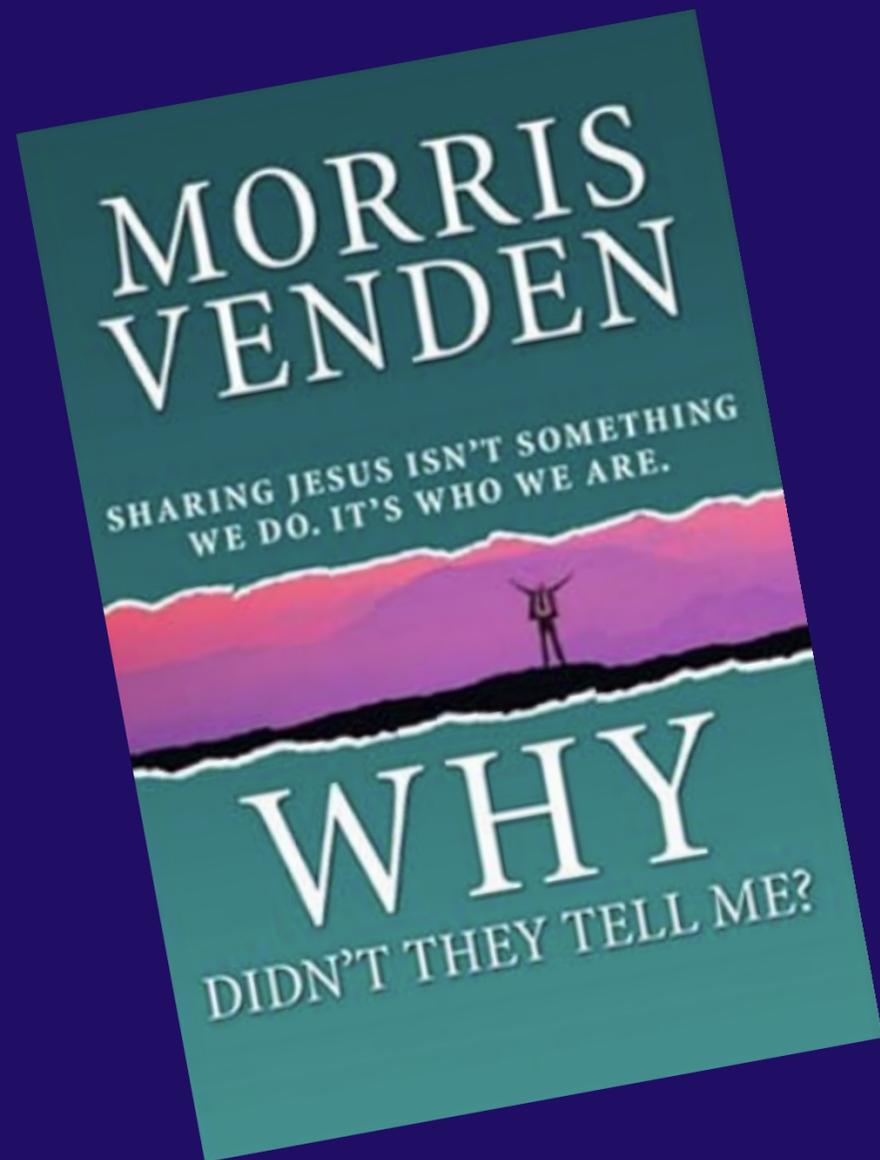
it might be a direct call



*let's talk
about it*

**Why would Jesus ask us,
sinful humans to conduct
outreach
on His behalf?**





“We have missed one of the most important aspects of our sanctification process, which is that Jesus asked *every single one of us* to go and make disciples to all nations. He didn’t want us to witness just for their sake but for ours.”

Morris Venden





Our relationship with God is based on:

- **Communication** through prayer and the prompting of the Holy Spirit
- **Study** of the revealed Word of God
- **Service** to God and humankind



Service

Its purpose is to bring about change in us that can only happen when we tell others what God has done for us. It entails doing good and loving things for others and telling them the good news.

It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven.

1 Peter 1:12



You are chosen people a royal
priesthood, a holy nation, God's
special possession, that you
may declare the praises of him
who called you out of darkness
into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9



Strategy

Ideally, your church has...

- **An active multi-year evangelism plan** (complete with detailed plans to host community events, create community connections, training for small groups, personal & public gospel outreach events).

If that is NOT the case,

- **Invite the men in your local church to consider a variety of events and activities and solicit consensus** on which part of the church's long-term plan they would like to be involved in.

Strategy

With a goal in mind,

- **Begin training** on how to hold certain events or prepare squads of specialized outreach workers.
- **Speak to church leaders in advance** about your plans and ask for their suggestions and advice.

If the church doesn't have evangelistic plans or only small-scale or sporadic activities, men's ministries has a

GREAT OPPORTUNITY!!

5 Year Plan

1. A five- to ten-year plan
2. Planned sequence of activities to build community friendship and trust
3. Creative ideas for community involvement | A service mentality
4. Several types of gospel presentations to follow up community involvement activities
5. A discipleship system that builds the faith & practice of new members
6. Trained church-member volunteers for all stages of the plan

Bring men up to speed



1. Issue a challenge to the men in your congregation.
 2. Develop a document that explains what men of God have been called to do to serve the spiritual needs of humanity.
 3. Present this document at an exploratory meeting.
 4. Ideas to include in the document: the spiritual need of the world is great, sharing our testimony will help us refine our character, it is time to stand for Jesus in our community, it is time to decide what we will sacrifice for the sake of spreading the gospel and following God's command to spread the good news. Include your personal testimony.
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Small group

1. Three or four Christian men that find and invite one other person who wishes to explore the basics of Christianity.
2. They meet once a week for 10-12 weeks.
3. It functions well as a discipling or evangelistic group.
4. It is important that the leader assesses the Bible knowledge of the visitor(s) to the group and teaches at that level.



Your Testimony

ONE MINUTE
WITNESS

MONTE SAHLIN

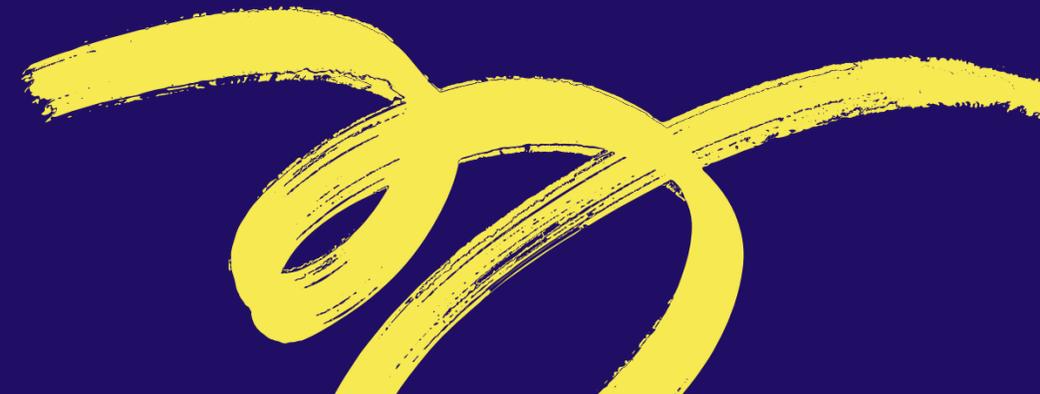
1. What life was like before Jesus.
2. How you met Jesus.
3. What life has been like since then.

The goal is to boil down each section to just one minute for a total of 3 minutes.



Teaching how to lead someone to Jesus

1. Keep it simple and straightforward.
2. Begin with a couple facts about salvation.
3. We ALL need to be rescued.
4. Jesus, the son of God, came to save us.
5. Believing and accepting Jesus frees us, and saves us from the death penalty of sin.

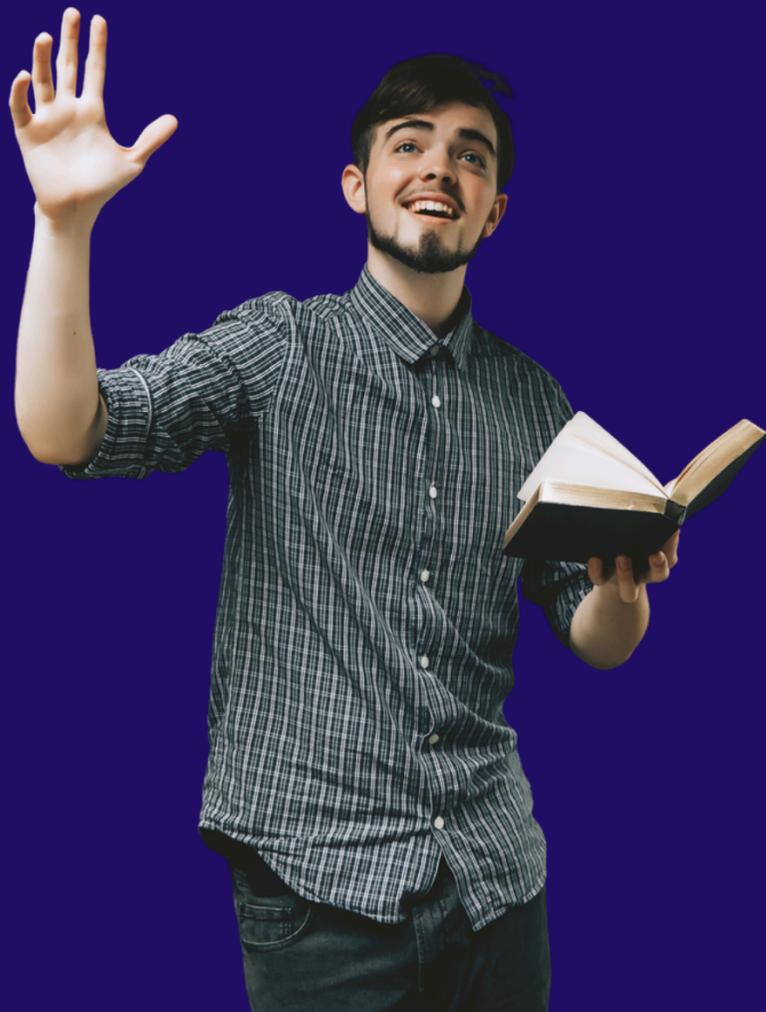


Practical steps to Redemption

1. Ask if they are willing to admit their sin.
2. Ask them to confess their sin to God & repent.

Repentance means to stop going down the road of sin and instead take the path of love & obey God.

3. Ask them if they will accept Jesus as their Savior.
4. Invite them to pray with you to ask God for his provision of salvation.



Simple prayer

Let the person pray if they wish to do so or you can model this prayer:

God in heaven, I see my sin problem and how it puts me under a death penalty. I confess my sins and ask You to forgive them and wipe them all away.

I surrender my old self to you and accept the death of Jesus in place of mine. I claim the eternal life You give freely to me because I have believed in Jesus. I know that You love me and save me. Fill my mind and heart with the Holy Spirit so that I am under your protection and guidance from this day forward.

In Jesus's name, Amen.



After Prayer

Ask the person if they would like some suggestions on what to do to pursue life with Jesus from here on.

Be ready to offer a Bible study series, find a church, get them ready for baptism.

Remain open to other ideas the Holy Spirit brings to this particular encounter.



Evangelism

Surveys of evangelical Christians suggest that few of them have anything to do with evangelism.

of the

25%

who had evangelism training

only

5%

are using their evangelism training

*Taking the
Gospel*

*worldwide
will take*

all of us

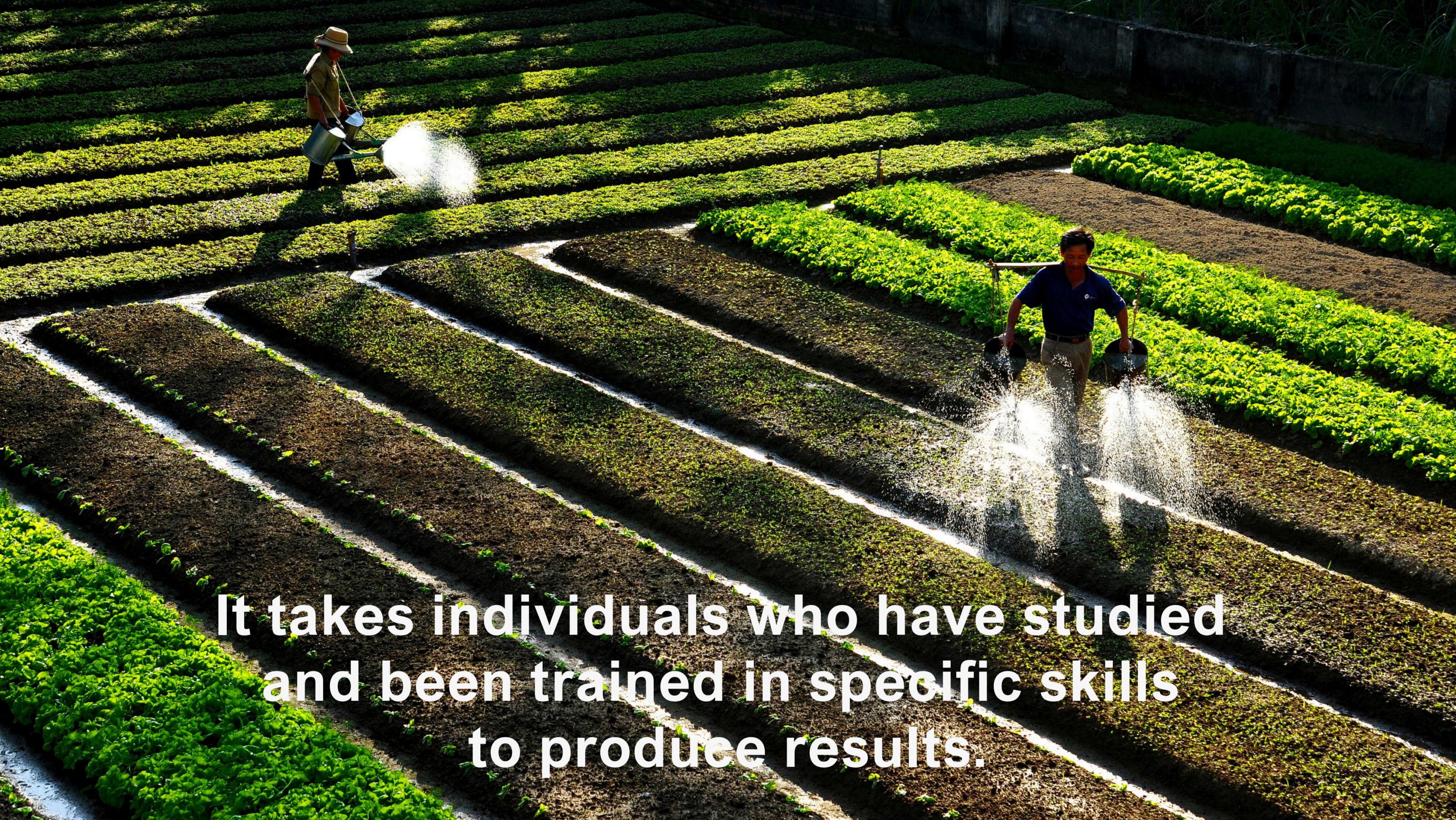


However,

it is not



*for untrained
amateurs*

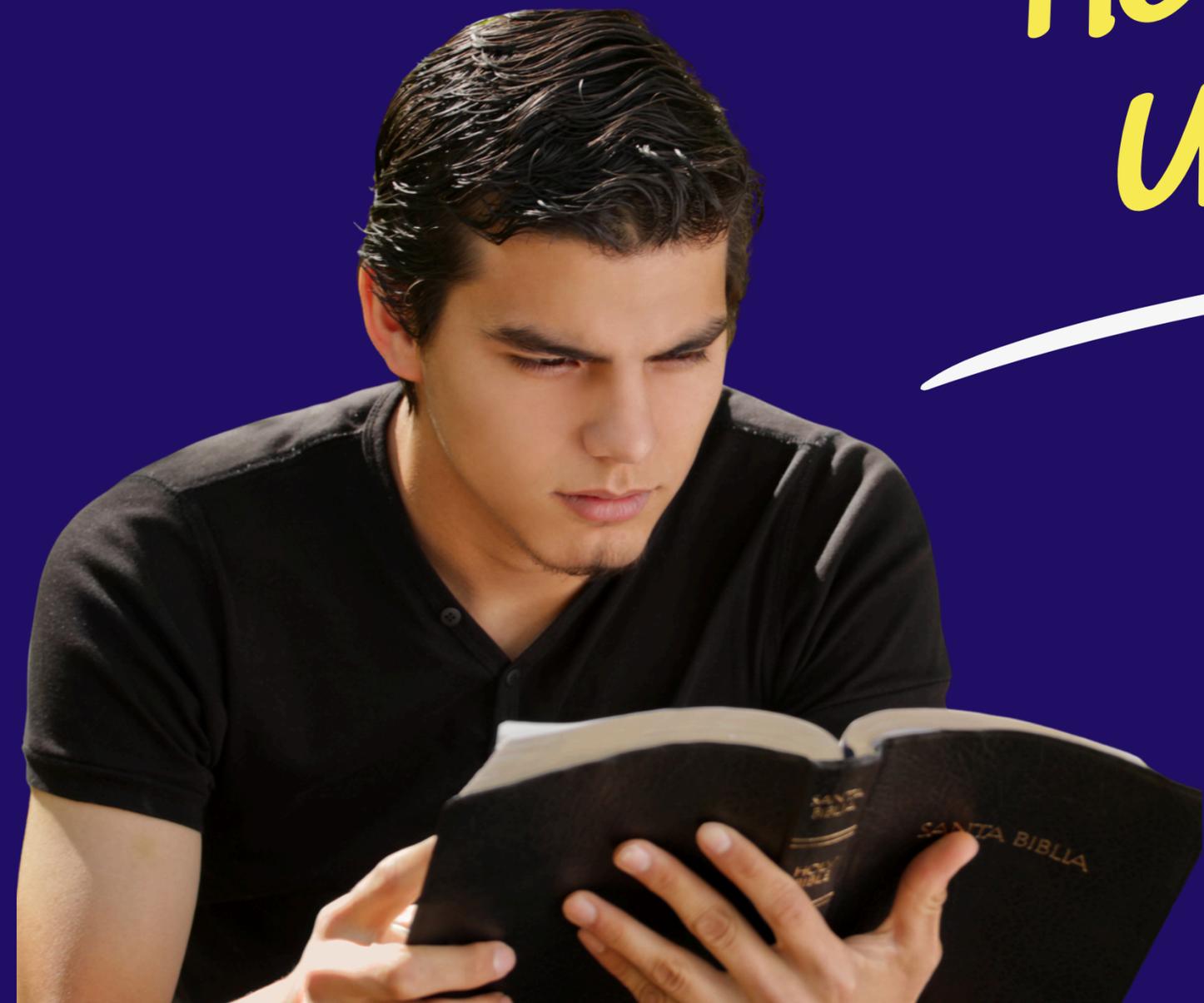


**It takes individuals who have studied
and been trained in specific skills
to produce results.**

Close to God + no training =

not yet
useful

as an
outreach
worker



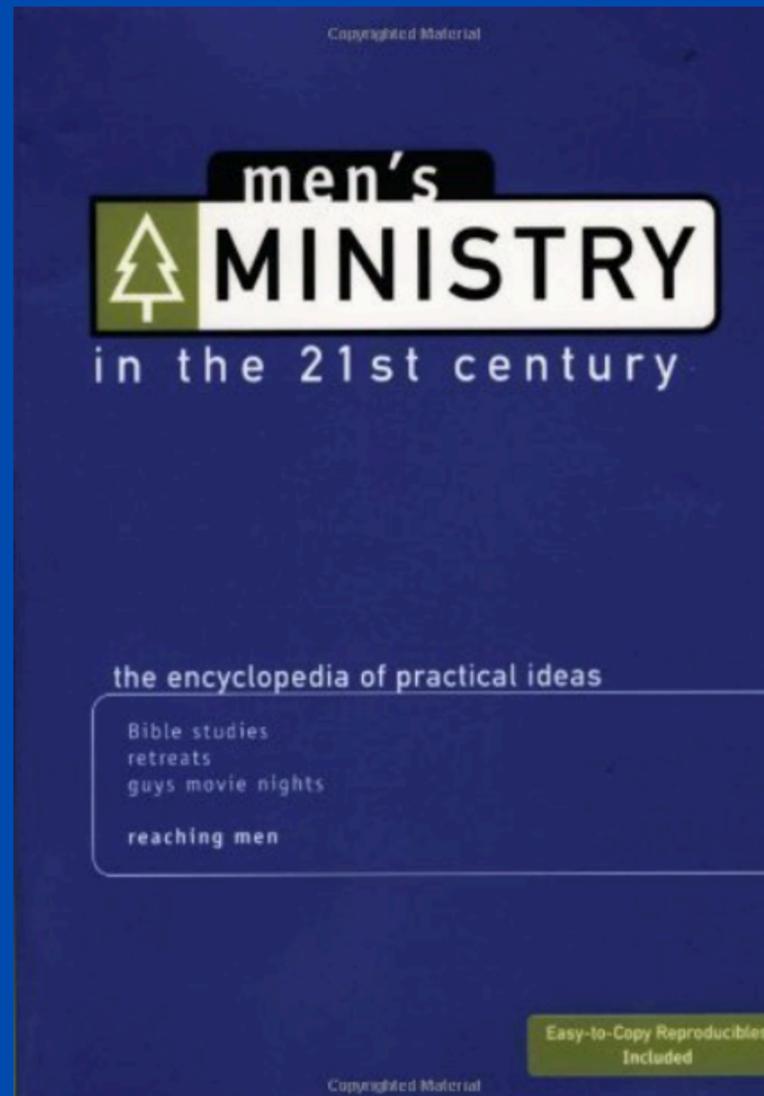
Reluctance
to engage in

Public
Evangelism

I fear
I won't be
good at it.

Feeling lazy;
that's
a bit much.





Commitment to excellence

Pursue excellence when you do outreach. God's work deserves our highest commitment to faithfulness and thoroughness, and this commitment must be in place from the beginning.

Group Publishing

What do you get
out of it?

I do this for the sake of the
gospel, that I may share in
its blessings.

1 Corinthians 9:23

Disciple

Noun. A status one reaches after making a decision to follow, without condition or reservation, a teacher and his or her teachings.



New disciple has 2 jobs

Lives under easy yoke of
Jesus' grace &
commandments

Shares what Jesus has
done for him



Discipleship

is a movement

that shapes the lives
and identity
of the men who come
into the circle



Discipleship

a process of becoming

“Jesus’ call on his disciples is not a call to good citizenship... He was calling them to a new identity.”

Arnold S Oh



Jesus...



trained for 30 years

to minister for
3 years

Relationships

make the
difference



and are

Fundamental
to
disciple-making



The disciple-maker

walks alongside

the disciple,
through life's

ups & downs



They need a
friend

who listens without
judging

guides & prays



Most effective

One-on-one and **small-group**
connections will do more
to facilitate disciple making
than anything else you do.



Goal:

Make
disciples



who make
disciples



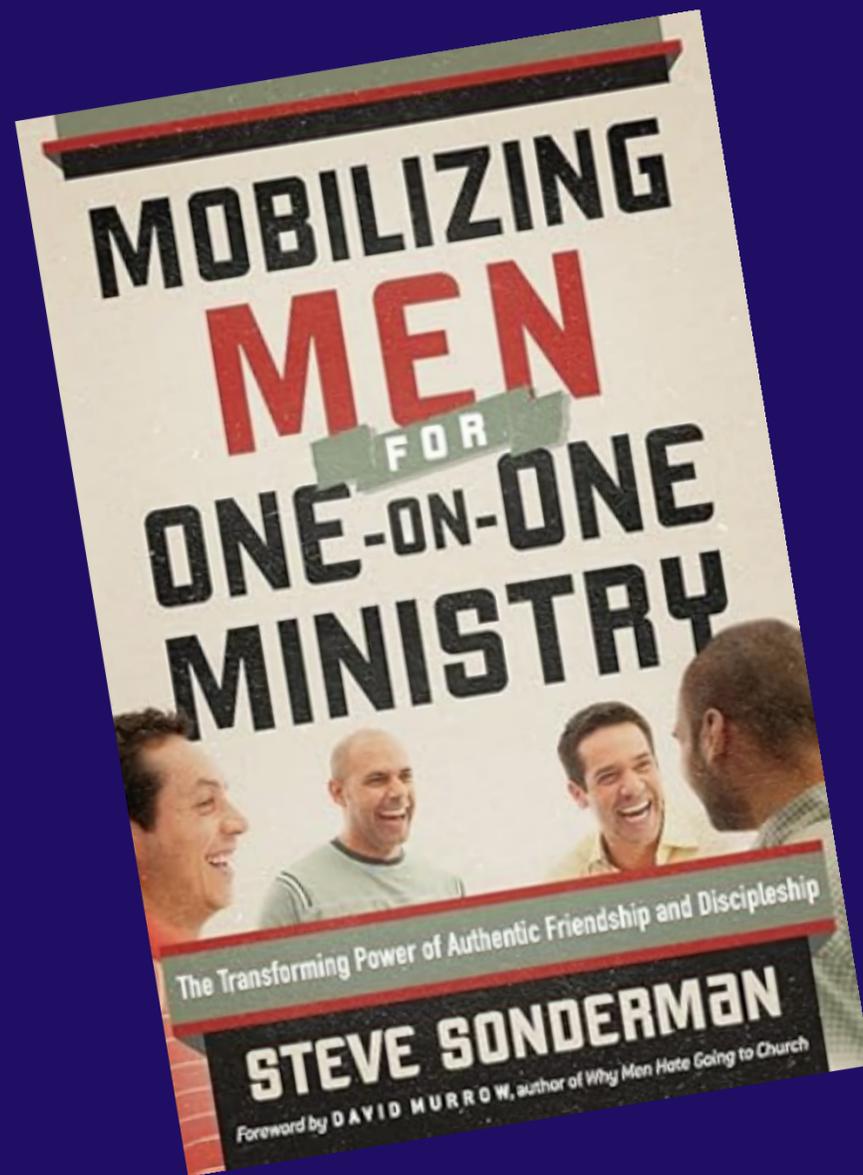


Developing *Leaders*



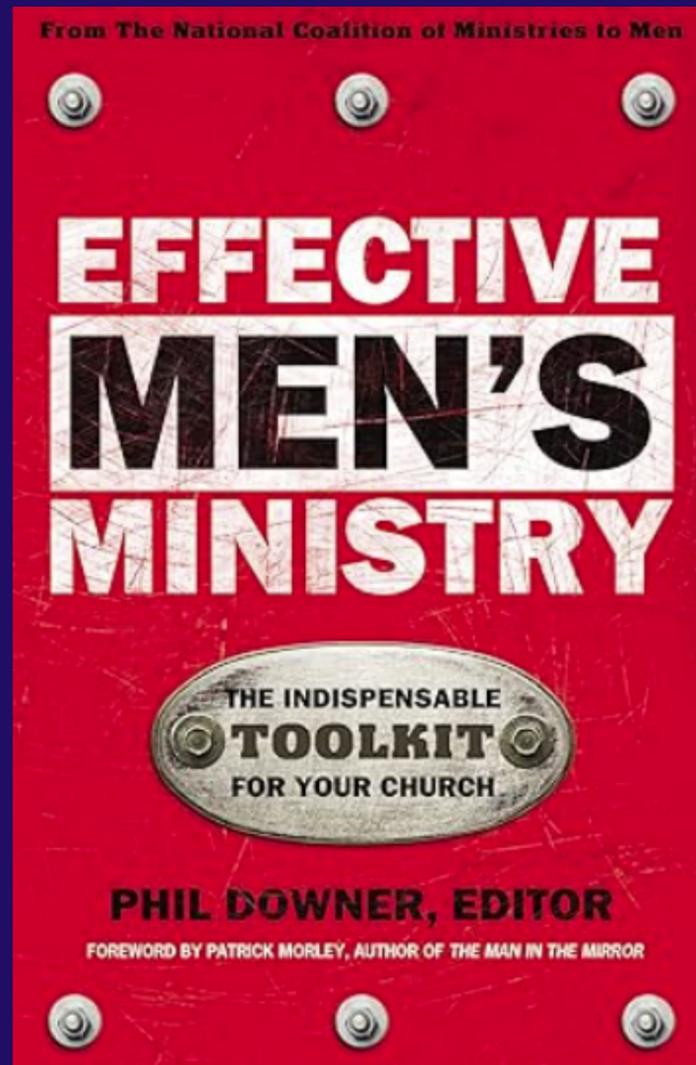
Why develop leaders?

- We don't want to run out of leaders.
- The ministry will grow beyond the limits of what you can do leading alone
- It is your own small-group ministry
- Analyze what and how you lead so you can teach others how to lead



1. Intentionally identify potential leaders (at least 2 a year)
2. Allow men to explore roles and fail
3. Cultivate an atmosphere of acceptance & encouragement.
4. Develop a small group of 3-5 leaders to make them a leadership team; you are their chief motivator.

Steve Sonderman



Lists 5 characteristics
of a good leader

1. A serving spirit (cares about others and wants to help them)
2. A solid character (keep themselves from even the appearance of evil, talk & walk their faith)
3. A godly man (asks what are you learning from your private devotions right now?)
4. A passion for ministry (look for men energized by their involvement in ministry)
5. Giftedness for particular functions (like prayer, recruitment, publicity, management, service functions, organizations, speaking, teaching, outreach)

Chip McGregor

More on leaders

- Don't fall in the trap of only noticing "born leaders".
- Develop leaders from among those sitting on the sidelines.
- Train your prospective leaders before sending them to work.
- Job descriptions of primary job functions are very helpful in managing expectations.
- Training modalities could include meetings, personal book studies with homework, and seminars by leadership experts.







Q1

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Q2

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Q3

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Q4

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