

5 P'S TO MULTIPLYING CAMPUS MOVEMENTS---

Note: the term 'spiritual movement' is used so often in this article that it should be defined. We would define a spiritual movement as any group of folks who are literally 'on the move' for Jesus. A spiritual movement is not static, but moves outwardly to a broken world who needs Christ.

1. PRACTICE OF PRAYER:

A. The first step to planting a spiritual movement is to start on our knees. We must see what the Father is doing and simply join Him. Before we send out any spiritual movement planter they are to seek the Lord in prayer and fasting (3-40 days) for His direction. Prayer must precede planning.

B. Practically, pray for God to bring you a team. You can begin to talk to other like minded believers you know who can join you on or near campus. (Jesus sent out teams of "2" in Luke 10)

C. Shortly after, start a prayer chain or begin prayer walks over an area of students the Lord is leading your team to start a spiritual movement in. Begin to ask the Lord for the harvest and to raise up student workers from within it. Ask the Lord what are the spiritual strongholds of and in the different areas of the campus? Then pray for God to destroy the strongholds. *"For our battle is not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places (Eph 6:12)."*

We must pray it out before we walk it out!

D. *Campus Crusade the world largest Christian organization was started by a 24-hour prayer vigil on the UCLA campus. Founder Bill Bright decided before he would try to plan, strategize or reach out to the students, he would first pray for them. He formed a 24-hour prayer chain with college students from his local church asking God to open a door at UCLA to preach the Gospel. A short while after this prayer vigil God opened a door for Bill to preach to a sorority house where half the students gave their life to Jesus and in the following weeks 250 students on campus were saved including the Student Body President, Top Athletes, and Yearbook Editor!*

2. POCKETS OF PEOPLE:

A. The second step is to look for pockets of people who are un-reached with the Gospel. In Luke 10 Jesus sent out the 70 to towns and villages (specifically the lost sheep of Israel). We are to look for the lost sheep, not those who are well, but those that are in need of a physician.

B. FOCUS upon a specific STUDENT group

It is more effective to target one specific un-reached student group per team. The gospel will spread with the least barriers within a student group with common affinity to one another.²

Kinds of students...

- v Greeks or Social Groups
- v Sports
- v International
- v Specific Majors
- v Commuters
- v Special Interest Groups (Clubs/Orgs)
- v Music (Hip Hop/Grunge/Goth etc)
- v Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Religious etc...

C. If there are other receptive student groups in the area, organize more strategic mission teams to reach them.

D. The aim is a "spiritual movement for every student group." We want to reach every un-reached student population group "whole" people not just a few individuals by planting a spiritual movement among each. Avoid one-by-one extraction.

E. Seek a segment of the student group -- those who are content with their own culture. (This issue comes up for those planting spiritual movements in 3rd world countries. As foreigners, we may attract people eager merely for cultural change and material gain.)

F. Watch to see where God is already at work among the people.

G. We are specifically targeting pockets of students normally un-reached by other fellowships on campus. Don't try to recruit and win believers, but always focus and start with unbelievers. GO... to target un-reached student areas...

v Campus hang outs ...(bowling allies, library, outside gathering areas etc)

v Local Cafes ...(Starbucks, local food joints, etc)

v Fraternities/Sororities...(Greek events, parties, service projects etc)

v Sports teams...(sporting events)

v Campus clubs/organizations...(club events/meetings)

v International student hang outs...(Intl. house)

v Student Union...(Cafeterias, student store, study rooms, etc)

v Department building for specific majors ...(Business, Arts, Medical, Engineering, RTF, English, Humanities etc)

v Local clubs, downtown, movie theaters, parks, shopping malls etc.

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3. POWER OF PRESENCE:

A. The third step is to simply **show up**. Jesus commanded His disciples to "Go" and make disciples, not wait for them to come to a church building. As we pray and are led by the Holy Spirit to pockets of un-reached students, we are to then show up and befriend those lost groups of students.

B. The most effective way of befriending a lost group of students is by **servicing** and **caring** for their needs. We do this before we share with them the Gospel, by finding out their needs and meeting them. (Ex: Free dinners, teach English to Intl. students) So we *pray* for them, we then *care* for them & when the door of opportunity opens we *share* with them the Good News of Jesus Christ! C. The resources are in the **harvest**. Jesus sent out the 70 telling them to take nothing with them. We should not be hindered in our spiritual movement planting and evangelism because we don't have a facility, staff or finances. The

resources are in the harvest field, our job is to show up, preach the Kingdom, pray for the sick, deliver the oppressed and expect God to open a dorm, apartments, classroom, café, or home etc for us to start a spiritual movement . D. *In Cal State Long Beach a student started praying for students near the school art building. Pretty soon he developed friendships with students in the art department and eventually led them to Christ on the front lawn of the Art Department. They ended up meeting each week on the front lawn to grow in their faith! That spiritual movement ended up planting 8 more spiritual movements at Cal State Long Beach University.*

4. PERSON OF PEACE:

A. The fourth step is to find the person of peace or the student of peace within the pocket of students. Jesus said to his disciples to go into the town and villages looking for the person who would welcome the gospel and open up their home. The student of peace is critical, because they will be the indigenous leader to win that community of lost students. Could you imagine if you won the leader of the fraternity to Christ, the whole frat could follow & come to Christ!

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A person of peace is...(student of peace)

a. Receptive : They are open to the message of the person and peace of Christ.

b. Relational Connections They know lots of students on campus and in the community

c. Reputation: They are people of reputation good or bad (Cornelius/Samaritan Women)

d. Reborn They are normally a seeker whom you win to the Lord and are born again.

B. *In San Francisco State University a campus fellowship led a star-wrestling player to Christ and very soon the same star wrestler led almost the entire SFSU wrestling team to Christ also! Look for the natural student leaders who already have influence with other students on campus.*

5. PEOPLE OF PURPOSE:

A. The fifth step is as the student of peace brings his/her friends and family to Christ a spiritual movement is born. The uniqueness of this birth is the church was born out of the harvest and is found among the harvest and is bent on a mission to continue to reach the lost as its main purpose. The student of peace could have the new movement meet in his/her home, apartment, dorm or wherever is convenient on or near campus and may be even the new leader of the emerging movement. B. The key is once the new movement is born on campus it is imperative for the spiritual movement planter to work his/her way out of the new movement by modeling & training the new emerging student leader to lead the new campus movement. In this way, the new movement will not be dependent on the movement planter to lead them, but they will indigenously take responsibility to lead themselves and reproduce leaders of their own kind naturally. PRACTICE M.A.W.L. (Model Assist Watch Leave) – *I DO, YOU WATCH, WE DO WE WATCH, YOU DO I WATCH, YOU DO!*

C. This kind of a movement is not hindered by **Cultural Christianity** (where a fellowship becomes a social club) or a fellowship that is dependent on a full time campus pastor/staff, because the students from the start learn how to reach their friends, depend on God, each other and don't know any better than to follow Jesus and expect Him to save their friends, family and ultimately the nations! D. In Los Angeles a major campus ministry realized their full time campus staff members did not have enough capacity to manage 8-10 campuses by themselves. In order to remedy this problem they took the above "student of peace" approach and started campus fellowships by winning students of peace & empowering them to win their lost friends immediately. Once a fellowship was formed the campus staff would model for the new student leader how to lead the campus ministry. After a short while the staff member would coach the student of peace from a distance so they would lead or pastor the new campus fellowship and reproduce likewise. This approach worked so well this ministry has since adopted this model and growth has exploded exponentially on different campuses. If they were still relying on full time campus staff workers to manage & lead all the different campus ministries they would never have the capacity to reach so many campuses with such effectiveness.

EVANGELISTIC TOOLS: There are many tools for evangelism that have proven effective in church history. Our philosophy is to not choose anyone over another, but to work with what works. We may use a variety of methods to win the person of peace on campus and his/her networks of friends and family.

Possible methods to be used are:

- a. Prayer evangelism: Prayer, Care, Share
- b. Power evangelism: Praying for signs, wonders and miracles
- c. Persuasion evangelism: Handing out tracks, 4 spiritual laws or other creative Gospel materials
- d. Proclamation evangelism: Holding evangelistic rallies, open air preaching during school
- e. Personal evangelism: Befriending them, inviting unbelievers to, free dinner, coffee, cell meeting etc
- f. Pasta evangelism: AKA: Alpha dinners 10 week intro to Christianity, seeker Bible study/forum, etc.
- g. Prophetic evangelism: dream & vision interpretation, word of knowledge or prophetic booths on campus at Starbucks.
- h. Present evangelism: Use whatever present creative means to be culturally relevant in sharing the gospel in a way they can understand.

to **USE** imitable methods

Only use evangelistic methods that the local people can quickly **imitate**
 –simple enough for new believers, affordable, appropriate technology, etc.⁴

5 P QUESTIONS

i. Practice of Prayer

- v What are some practical ways you can begin praying for your campus?
- v What are some ways you can grow in your life of prayer and intercession?
- v Do you sense the Lord calling your team to prayer walking, extended fast for revival, starting a weekly/daily prayer meeting etc, which ones & how?
- v Is there a strategic group of students or department on campus that God is calling you to intercede for? How will you commit to praying for them?

- v What does it mean to “see what God is doing through prayer and join Him?” (Read John 5:19)
- v Name at least 5-10 people who can pray for you on a consistent basis for your ministry on campus, contact them to join your prayer team.
- ii. Pockets of Students
 - v Where can you find the necessary information to identify all the unreached pockets of students on your campus?
 - v Make it a project to compile and list every student group on your campus? How will you do this?
 - v Where are your immediate “oikos” relationships on campus?
 - v Which pocket of student(s) do you sense the Holy Spirit burdening you to reach on your campus?
 - v What can you do practically to identify and understand the student culture