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Welcome



Hi Friends!

It is my desire for your life and your church to be blessed by God as we work together to do the unimaginable.

Together, let's care about what God cares about most: his lost children being found, caring about "the least of these" and growing his church, that is, growing warmer through fellowship, deeper in discipleship, wider through ministry, and all around the world through evangelism. That is what God wants.

At Saddleback Church, we focus our outreach efforts to do the five things that Jesus did during his ministry time on earth, the five things that we call The PEACE Plan. It is our desire to not only do what Jesus did but also to focus on empowering churches around the globe to do the same.

Get ready for God to use ordinary people in your church in extraordinary ways!

I am so glad that you are here on the very front end of this exciting and world-changing adventure.

Pastor Rick Warren

Rick Warren

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WELCOME TO PURPOSE DRIVEN CHURCH ESSENTIALS

Thank you for joining us! We are humbled and honored by your presence today. We've been praying for you! Over 500,000 pastors and church leaders from 164 countries and every denomination have taken this training.

OUR GOALS

1. TO ENCOURAGE YOUR SPIRIT

“Encourage each other and build each other up.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)

“Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up.”

Galatians 6:9 (LB)

2. TO STRETCH YOUR MIND (AND STIMULATE YOUR CREATIVITY)

“Do yourself a favor and learn all you can; then remember what you learn and you will prosper.”

Proverbs 19:8 (TEV)

“How can you teach others if you refuse to learn?”

Romans 2:21a (CEV)

“The intelligent man is always open to new ideas. In fact, he looks for them!”

Proverbs 18:15 (LB)

3. TO SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

“If the ax is dull and its edge is unsharpened, more strength is needed. But skill will bring success.”

Ecclesiastes 10:10

“Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn't really know very much.”

1 Corinthians 8:2 (NLT)

“Ask the former generations and find out what their fathers learned, for we were only born yesterday and we know so little.”

Job 8:9

4. TO STRENGTHEN YOUR CHURCH

“Under Christ's direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”

Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)

5. EMPOWER YOU TO TEACH THIS TO OTHERS

“Now everything that I have taught and entrusted to you, I now want you to pass on to others who are trustworthy and can be counted on to teach it to others!”

2 Timothy 2:2

WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

- 1) There is no correlation between the size and strength of a church.
- 2) There is more than one way to grow a church.
- 3) It takes all kinds of churches to reach all kinds of people.
- 4) If a principle is biblical, it will work anywhere.
- 5) Never confuse the method with God's message.

BUILDING A PURPOSE DRIVEN CHURCH

Establishing A Foundation For A Healthy Church

THE RIGHT QUESTION: What is _____ my church from growing?

Growth comes from _____

Health comes from _____

Every church is directed (driven) by some force:

- By tradition
- By personalities
- By finances
- By buildings
- By programs
- By events
- By the unchurched

“Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”

Proverbs 19:21

Jesus said, “... I will build my church, and the gates of Hell will not overcome it!”

Matthew 16:18 (NIV)

“By the grace of God, I laid a foundation as an expert builder... But each one should be careful how he builds... for his work will be shown for what it is. The fire will test the quality of each man’s work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward.”

1 Corinthians 3:10-14

Four things this verse tells us:

1. God uses skilled people to build his church “an expert builder.”
2. Your ministry will be tested by God.
3. The test of your ministry will be: Does it _____?
4. “Built to last” requires the right _____.

WHAT MAKES A CHURCH PURPOSE DRIVEN?

WHAT A PURPOSE DRIVEN CHURCH IS NOT:

IT IS NOT ABOUT YOUR DOCTRINE OR DENOMINATION

There are now Purpose Driven Churches in practically every Christian denomination and association around the world - including Pentecostal, Reformed, Catholic, Evangelical, Protestant, Orthodox, Fundamental, Charismatic, Mainline, and others.

We work *WITH* denominations to strengthen their churches, encouraging congregations to maintain their heritage, uniqueness, and convictions. Instead of focusing on our differences we focus on helping churches do what Jesus called every church to do: worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism. Everyone agrees with that.

IT IS NOT ABOUT YOUR WORSHIP STYLE

Purpose Driven churches worship in thousands of different styles around the world – using liturgical, charismatic, traditional, contemporary, country, multi-sensory, casual, and other formats. What matters is that worship is offered to God “*in spirit and truth*” (authentically and accurately).

IT IS NOT ABOUT BEING CONTEMPORARY OR RELEVANT

What matters is being biblical & being effective. Everything man-made eventually goes out of style. The only way to always be relevant is to focus on what’s eternal. Don’t focus on what’s in style. Any church that fails to fulfill the purposes Jesus established for it is not really a church!

IT IS NOT ABOUT WHO YOU ARE TRYING TO REACH

There are Purpose Driven churches reaching different age group: (*Builders, Boomers, GenXers, and Millennials*) ministering to all kinds of lifestyle group: (*such as cowboys, bikers, professionals, singles, artists, surfers, academics, boat people, post-moderns*), and using hundreds of different languages.

IT IS NOT ABOUT BEING “SEEKER-SENSITIVE”

Purpose Driven churches are committed to the *purpose of evangelism*, not any particular method of evangelism.

IT IS NOT ABOUT THE SIZE OF YOUR CHURCH

Purpose Driven churches come in all sizes and shapes. The Purpose Driven strategy focuses on balance, health and strength, not size. There is no correlation between the size and strength of a church. Purpose Driven is a church health strategy, not a mega-church strategy.

IT IS NOT ABOUT YOUR LOCATION!

Purpose Driven churches are found all around the world, with more outside of the United States than here. Purpose Driven is *not* an American strategy – it’s a biblical strategy, so it has proven to work everywhere.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO DEFINE YOUR CHURCH’S PURPOSES?

1. It builds _____

“Let there be real harmony so there won’t be any splits in the church . . . Be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.”
1 Corinthians 1:10 (LB)

“It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good.”
Galatians 4:18 (NIV)

“Where there is no vision, the people perish.”
Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

2. It reduces _____

“You Lord, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm...”

Isaiah 26:3 (GN)

“The double-minded man can never keep a steady course.”

James 1:8 (NEB)

“I’ve labored to no purpose. I’ve spent my strength in vain and for nothing.”

Isaiah 49:4 (NIV)

3. It allows _____

(Paul) “I am bringing all my energies to bear on this one thing: forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead.”

Philippians 3:13 (LB)

4. It attracts _____

“Tell us how to proceed in setting things straight, and we will fully cooperate.”

Ezra 10:4 (LB)

“You have helped me in the work of the gospel . . .”

Philippians 1:5 (GN)

“If your goals are good, you will be respected.”

Proverbs 11:27 (GN)

5. It assists _____

“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves.” (NIV)

2 Corinthians 13:5

The Great Commandment

*“**LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD** with all your heart . . . soul . . . and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR** as yourself. All the Law and Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:36-40*

The Great Commission

*“**GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES** of all nations, **BAPTIZING THEM** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **TEACHING THEM TO DO** everything I have commanded you.”
Matthew 28:19-20*

FIVE PURPOSES FOR THE CHURCH

1. “Love God with all your heart.” _____ (know & love Christ)
2. “Love your neighbor as yourself.” _____ (service)
3. “Go...make disciples.” _____ (mission)
4. “Baptize them in the name of . . .” _____ (belong/membership)
5. “Teaching them to DO . . .” _____ (grow)

Jesus’ ministry modeled these 5 purposes: John 17:1-26

Vs. 4 “I have brought you glory on earth.” (WORSHIP)

Vs. 6 “I revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world.” (EVANGELISM)

Vs. 8 “I gave them the words you gave me.” (DISCIPLESHIP)

Vs.12 “While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe.” (FELLOWSHIP)

Vs.18 “As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.” (MINISTRY)

The first church fulfilled these 5 purposes in Acts 2:41-47

“Those who accepted his message were baptized . . . They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer . . . All the believers were together . . . they gave to anyone as he had need . . . Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God . . . And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

Paul explained these 5 purposes in Ephesians 4:11-16

“God gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ . . . From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

The Church Exists To . . .

1. Celebrate God’s _____ (Worship)

“Exalt our Master”

“O **magnify** the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together.”

Psalm 34:3 (RSV)

“I was **glad** when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the Lord’s house.’”

Psalm 122:1 (GN)

2. Communicate God’s _____ (Evangelism)

“Evangelize our mission field”

“The most important thing is that I complete my **mission** - the work the Lord gave me to do - to tell people the Good News about God’s grace.”

Acts 20:24 (NCV)

“You will be my witnesses . . .”

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

3. Incorporate God's _____ (Fellowship)

"Encourage our members"

*"You are a **member** of God's very own family and you **belong** in God's household with every other Christian."*

Ephesians 2:19 (LB)

4. Educate God's _____ (Discipleship)

"Educate for maturity"

*"... building up the church, the body of Christ, to a position of strength and **maturity**... until all become full grown in the Lord."*

Ephesians 4:12b-13 (LB)

5. Demonstrate God's _____ (Ministry)

"Equip for ministry"

*"... to prepare God's people for the work of **ministry**."*

Ephesians 4:12a

HOW TO LEAD YOUR CHURCH TO COMMIT TO GOD'S PURPOSES

THE SLOW / LONG WAY (6 months)

1. Lead your members in a study of the biblical passages about the church.

Study four things:

- Christ's ministry on earth—What did Jesus do?
- The images of the church (Family, Flock, Body, etc.)
- The New Testament churches
- The commands of Christ

Important Verses About the Purposes of the Church

Matt. 5:13-16	John 10:14-18	Eph. 2:19-22
Matt. 9:35	John 13:34-35	Eph. 3:6, 14-21
Matt. 11:28-30	John 20:21	Eph. 4:11-16
Matt. 16:15-19	Acts 1:8	Eph. 5:23-24
Matt. 18:19-20	Acts 2:41-47	Col. 1:24
Matt. 22:36-40	Acts 4:32-35	Col. 3:15-16
Matt. 24:14	Acts 5:42	1 Thess. 1:3
Matt. 25:34-40	Acts 6:1-7	1 Thess. 5:11
Matt. 28:18-20	Rom. 12:1-8 Rom. 15:1-7	Heb. 10:24-25
Mark 10:43-45	1 Cor. 12:12-31 2	Heb. 13:7,17
Luke 4:18-19	Cor. 5:17-6:1	1 Peter 2:9-10
Luke 4:43-44	Gal. 5:13-15 Gal. 6:1-2	1 John 1:5-7
John 4:23	Eph. 1:22-23	1 John 4:7-21

2. Ask two questions as you study:

What are we to **BE** as a church?

What are we to **DO** as a church?

3. Write a summary of your answers to these two questions.

Then edit out the unnecessary words. Make it as brief as possible.

4. Shorten your summary into a SINGLE SENTENCE.

This becomes your church's purpose statement.

Four characteristics of a great Purpose Statement:

1. It's **BIBLICAL** - Jesus decides the purposes of His church, not us!
2. It's **SPECIFIC** - Nothing becomes dynamic until it becomes specific.
3. It's **MEMORABLE** - Short enough to remember & pass on to others.
4. It's **MEASURABLE** - So you can evaluate your church every year.

THE SHORT WAY (40 days) *Used by tens of thousands of churches*

1. Take your entire church (adults, youth, and children) through the **40 Days of Purpose Journey** using the 40-Day Kit, which includes:

6 sermons to adapt and preach

6 Small Group videos and curriculum

40 days of daily readings (The Purpose Driven Life book)

6 Bible memory verse tags

Instructions for your campaign team and small group HOSTS

2. Adopt a Purpose Driven slogan and statement for your congregation:

SADDLEBACK CHURCH SLOGAN:
**“A GREAT COMMITMENT
TO THE GREAT COMMANDMENT
AND THE GREAT COMMISSION
WILL GROW A GREAT CHURCH!”**

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT
**To bring people to Jesus and membership in His family,
develop them to Christ-like maturity, and equip them for
their ministry in the church and their life mission in the
world, in order to magnify God’s name.**

An effective purpose statement is stated:

- A) In terms of RESULTS rather than activities
- B) In a SEQUENTIAL PROCESS

“Bring them in . . . Build them up . . . Train them for . . . Send them out!”

3. Establish an orientation class for each purpose. (Class101, 201, 301, 401, 501)

4. Follow up with a study of The Purpose Driven Church simulcast and book

II. COMMUNICATING YOUR PURPOSES

It's not enough to define your purposes and create a purpose statement. Your #1 task is to continually clarify and communicate the purpose of the organization.

5 Ways to Communicate Vision and Purpose

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Ways we've communicated our purposes at Saddleback:

- Every Membership Class 101
- Annual message
- Monthly emphasis
- Print them in the bulletin
- Articles and brochures
- Monthly pastor's coffee
- Sermons

EXPLAINING THE CHURCH'S PURPOSES								
PURPOSE	TASK	ACTS 2:42-47	OBJECTIVE	TARGET	LIFE COMPONENT	BASIC HUMAN NEED	THE CHURCH PROVIDES	EMOTIONAL BENEFIT
Outreach	Evangelize	"...added to their number daily those who were being saved."	Mission	Community	My Witness	Purpose to live for	A Focus for living	Significance
Worship	Exalt	"They devoted themselves to... breaking of bread and prayers... praising God."	Magnify	Crowd	My Worship	Power to live on	A Force for living	Stimulation
Fellowship	Encourage	"...devoted to the fellowship...all the believers were together...they ate together."	Membership	Congregation	My Relationships	People to live with	A Family for living	Support
Discipleship	Edify	"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching."	Maturity	Committed	My Walk	Principles to live by	A Foundation for living	Stability
Service	Equip	"They gave to anyone as he had need."	Ministry	Core	My Work	Profession to live out	A Function for living	Self-expression

Don't be afraid to repeat yourself. Nobody gets it the first time. Say it over and over in fresh ways. Practice "creative redundancy!"

III. APPLYING YOUR PURPOSES

It's not enough to just define and communicate your purposes. You must also apply the purposes to every area of your church's life.

The key to application is _____

WARNING!

Unless you set up an intentional _____ to balance all five purposes, your church will tend to overemphasize the one purpose that pastor is most passionate about.

Only a **Purpose Driven strategy and structure** will maintain balance in your church!

MOST CHURCHES TEND TO FOCUS ON ONLY ONE PURPOSE								
PARADIGM	PRIMARY FOCUS	PASTOR'S ROLE	PEOPLE'S ROLE	TARGET	KEY TERM	CENTRAL VALUE	TOOLS USED	SOURCE OF LEGITIMACY
Soul Winning Church	Evangelism	Evangelist	Witnesses	The Community	Save	Decisions for Christ	Visitation & Altar Call	Number Baptized
Experiencing God Church	Worship	Worship Leader	Worshippers	The Crowd	Feel	Personal Experience	Music & Prayer	"The Spirit"
The Family Reunion Church	Fellowship	Chaplain	Family Members	The Congregation	Belong	Loyalty & Tradition	Fellowship Hall & Potluck	Our Heritage
Bible Classroom Church	Edification	Instructor	Students	The Committed	Know	Bible Knowledge	Notebooks & Overheads	Verse-By-Verse Teaching
Social Conscience Church	Ministry	Reformer	Activists	The Core	Care	Justice & Mercy	Petitions & Placards	Number of Needs Met

THE PURPOSE - DRIVEN CHURCH PHILOSOPHY INSURES BALANCE								
PARADIGM	PRIMARY FOCUS	PASTOR'S ROLE	PEOPLE'S ROLE	TARGET	KEY TERM	CENTRAL VALUE	TOOLS USED	SOURCE OF LEGITIMACY
Purpose Driven Church	Balance All Five	Equipper	Ministers	All Five	Be & Do	Christ-like Character	Life Development Process	Changed Lives

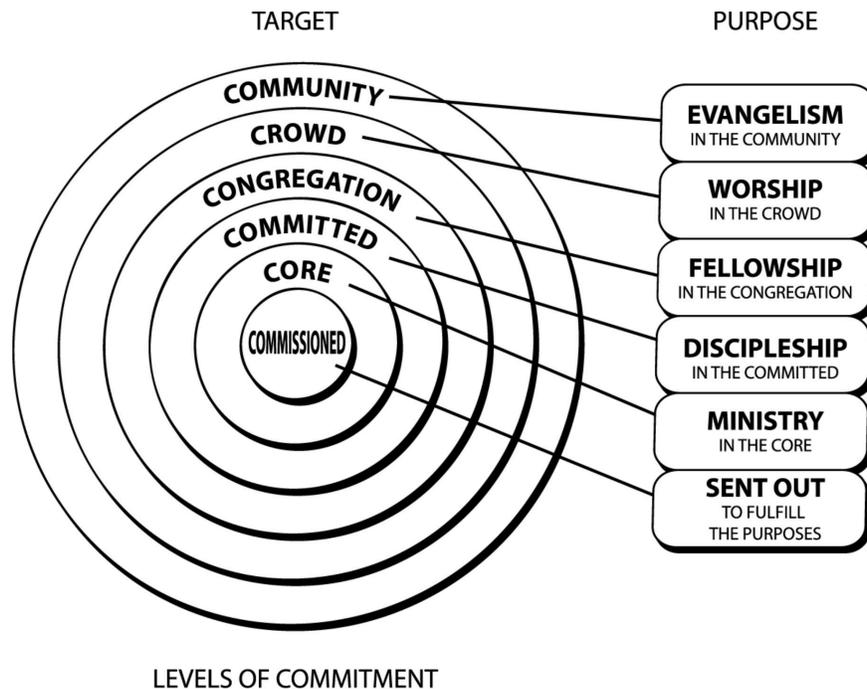
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HOW TO BALANCE THE FIVE PURPOSES IN YOUR CHURCH

Begin to see 5 different target groups

Purpose = What we do

Target = Who we do it with



Groups

"The Community" – People who attend occasionally

"The Crowd" – Average attendance each week at **Worship**

"The Congregation" – Completed Membership Class 101.
Signed Membership Covenant, baptized, joined our **Fellowship**

"The Committed" – Completed Maturity Class 201. Signed
Maturity Covenant to tithe, attend a small group, & have a quiet time

"The Core" – Completed Discovering My Ministry Class 301,
signed the Ministry Covenant, & are serving in **Ministry** at Saddleback

"The Commissioned" – Completed Missions Class 401
signed Mission Covenant, & participated in a **PEACE Trip**

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A PURPOSE DRIVEN CHURCH

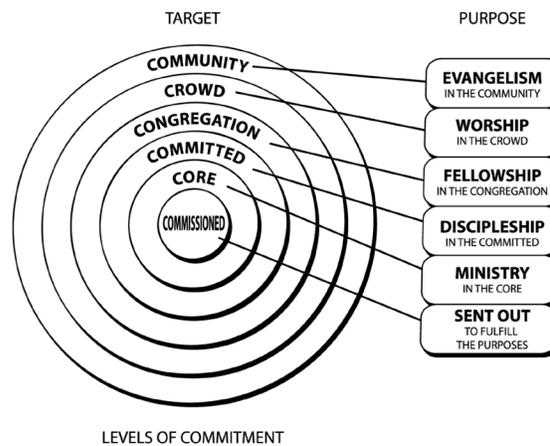
10 Ways to Fulfill God's Purposes

1. ASSIMILATE YOUR NEW MEMBERS ON PURPOSE

You grow a healthy church by balancing all five purposes.

You grow a stronger church by continually deepening the commitment.

You grow a larger church from the outside in, rather than from the inside out!



2. PROGRAM AROUND YOUR PURPOSES

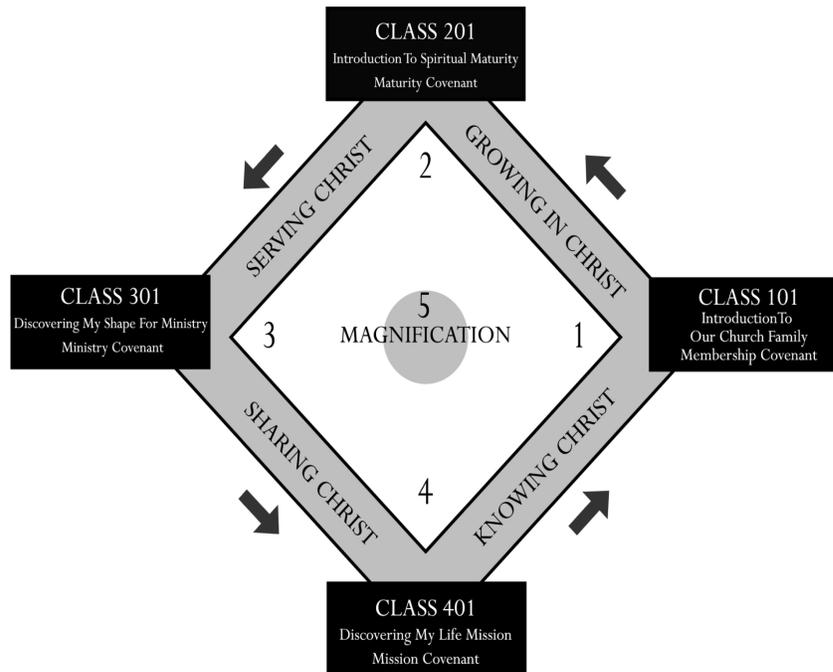
Design or choose a program to fulfill each of the five purposes with each of your target groups. At Saddleback, we have a major program for each group.

WHO is our target?	WHAT is our purpose?	HOW do we do it?
PEOPLE	PURPOSE	PROGRAM
Community	Evangelism	Bridge Events
Crowd	Worship	Weekend Services
Congregation	Fellowship	Small Groups
Committed	Discipleship	Foundations
Core	Ministry	300 Lay Ministries
Commissioned	Sent out to do all 5	PEACE Plan

3. EDUCATE YOUR PEOPLE WITH PURPOSE DRIVEN CLASSES

Build your program around the five purposes.

SADDLEBACK'S PURPOSE DRIVEN CLASS SYSTEM



You don't get credit for people left on base. Build grand slam disciples!

CLASS – Christian Life And Service Seminars

Class101: To lead people to Christ and **Membership**

Class201: To grow people to spiritual **maturity**

Class301: To equip people with skills they need for **ministry**

Class401: To enlist people to the worldwide **mission** of sharing Christ

Class501: To empower people for a life of **worship** to the glory of God (**magnify**)

4. FORM SMALL GROUPS ON PURPOSE

- Place the Purpose Driven diamond in the heart of every small group.
- Find a group member to champion each of the five purposes.
- Rotate the leadership for maximum development.

5. ADD STAFF ON PURPOSE

Director\Pastor of Membership (1st base coach)

Director\Pastor of Maturity (2nd base coach)

Director\Pastor of Ministries (3rd base coach)
 Director\Pastor of Mission (Home base coach)
 Director\Pastor of Magnification-Music (worship leader)

Any church can be Purpose Driven, regardless of size!
 Start with volunteers, then grow them into paid positions.

6. STRUCTURE BY PURPOSE

Organize your staff and lay leaders into purpose-based teams with a defined task and target group.

TEAMS

TASK & TARGET

COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM

Enlist the Community to Crowd (Evangelism)

The MAGNIFICATION Team

Exalt Christ in the Crowd (Worship)

The MEMBERSHIP Team

Encourage the Congregation (Fellowship)

The MATURITY Team

Educate the Committed (Discipleship)Equip

The MINISTRY Team

the Core (Ministry)

The MISSION Team

Evangelize the World (Acts 1:8)

SUPPORT Teams – Accounting, Facilities, Operations, etc.

SEASONS of Life Teams – Children, Youth, Couples, etc.

7. PREACH ON PURPOSE

Balance your annual preaching plan with at least one series related to each of the five purposes. There are many examples online at www.pastors.com.

“You Are Shaped For Significance” (a ministry series)

“The Six Phases of Faith” (a maturity series)

“Learning To Hear God’s Voice” (a worship series)

“Building Great Relationships” (a series to deepen our fellowship)

“Answering Life’s Toughest Questions” (an evangelistic series)

8. BUDGET ON PURPOSE

Categorize every line item in your budget by the purpose that it relates to.

9. CALENDAR ON PURPOSE

Designate two months of each year to give special emphasis to each purpose. Each team is responsible for events and special programs during their months.

10. EVALUATE ON PURPOSE

Stay effective. Continually ask: “Are we on track?”

11. BUILD ON PURPOSE

A place for every purpose

12. BUILD ON PURPOSE

Through multi-sites

Purpose Driven Church Priorities

Priority #1: God's Purposes

Priority #2: People

Priority #3: Programs

Priority #4: Property

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. What has been the driving force of your church?
2. Which of the 5 New Testament purposes has your church emphasized most?
3. Which purpose has your church emphasized least?
4. Which purpose do you personally feel most passionate about?
5. When could your church do 40 Days of Purpose, Community, or Year of Hope?

TARGETING YOUR “COMMUNITY” FOR EVANGELISM

Learning To Fish For Souls Like Jesus

“Jesus called out, ‘Come along with me and I will show you how to fish for the souls of men.’”

Matthew 4:19 (LB)

JESUS’ STRATEGY OF FISHING FOR MEN: Matthew 10 and Luke 10

I. KNOW WHAT YOU ARE _____

You must identify who you are trying to reach. Know your target.

- **Jesus** had a specific evangelistic target.

*“I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.” **Matthew 15:24***

- **Paul and Peter** both had a specific evangelistic target.

*“I was entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the Gentiles, just as Peter had been given the task of preaching the gospel to the Jews.” **Galatians 2:7***

- **The disciples** were given a specific evangelistic target.

“Don’t go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans.

*Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.” **Matthew 10:5-6***

HOW TO DEFINE YOUR EVANGELISTIC TARGET

1. ASK: _____ PEOPLE LIVE IN OUR AREA?

(Defining your geographic target)

1. On a map of your area draw 3 circles representing 1, 3, and 5 miles around your church.
2. Figure the number of people who live within the average trip time.
3. Figure at least 50% of that population is unchurched. That is your fishing pond!

2. ASK: _____ OF PEOPLE LIVE IN OUR AREA?

(Defining your demographic target)

Discover

- Age Breakdown - How many in each age group?
- Marital Breakdown - How many singles/married?
- Income Breakdown - What do they earn?
- Occupational Breakdown - Where do they work? Blue/white collar?

Resources: Government Census, Library, County/City Planning Dept, Newspaper offices, Chamber of Commerce, Builders/Realtors/Utilities

3. ASK: WHAT ARE THEIR _____ ?

(Define your target culturally)

BEST SOURCE: _____

Go door-to-door. Talk to people personally!

4. ASK: WHAT DO THEY _____ ABOUT THE GOSPEL?

(Define your target spiritually)

Determine their religious background.

Fact: All unbelievers _____ !

PERSONALIZE YOUR TARGET

Develop a profile of your typical unchurched resident.

Saddleback Sam - The typical South Orange County guy

We are _____

“My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

Mark 11:17

“All nations will remember the Lord. From every part of the world they will turn to Him; all races will worship Him.”

Psalms 22:27

II. LEARN TO _____

“Jesus knew what they were thinking . . .”

Matt. 9:4, 12:25; Mark 2:8; Luke 5:22, 9:47, 11:17

“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore, be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves.”

Matthew 10:16

“Be wise in the way you act toward those who are not believers . . .”

Colossians 4:5 (GN)

- The problem: The longer I am a believer, _____ I think like an unbeliever.
“Resistance” is often just poor communication.
- How do you discover the “mindset” of unbelievers? _____!
If you don’t ask the right questions, you won’t get the right answers.
If you don’t get the right answers, you won’t develop the right strategy.
If you don’t develop the right strategy, you won’t get the right results.

SADDLEBACK BEGAN WITH A “PERSONAL OPINION POLL”

(Five Questions to Ask)

1. Are you currently active in a local church?
2. What do you feel is the greatest need in this area?
3. Why do you think most people don't attend church?
4. If you were looking for a church, what kind of things would you look for?
5. What advice would you give me? How can I help you?

THE FOUR MOST COMMON REASONS PEOPLE AVOIDED CHURCH

1. “Sermons are boring and irrelevant to my life.”
2. “The members are unfriendly to new attenders.”
3. “There's too much emphasis on your money.”
4. “The children's programs and childcare are weak.”

WE LEARNED: Most unchurched people are not atheists.

They're just_____.

SADDLEBACK'S FIRST LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Hi Neighbor!

March 20, 1980

AT LAST! A new church for those who've given up on traditional church services!

Let's face it...many people aren't active in church these days.

WHY?

Too often...

- the sermons are boring and don't relate to daily living
- many churches seem more interested in your wallet than in you
- members are unfriendly to visitors
- you wonder about the quality of the nursery care for your little ones

Do you think attending church should be enjoyable?

WE'VE GOT GOOD NEWS FOR YOU!

SADDLEBACK CHURCH is a new church designed to meet your needs in the 1980's. We're a group of friendly people who have discovered the joy of the Christian lifestyle.

At Saddleback Church you'll...

- meet new friends and get to know your neighbors
- enjoy exciting music with a contemporary flavor
- hear positive, practical messages which uplift you each week
- trust your children to the care of dedicated nursery workers

Why not get a lift instead of a letdown this Sunday?

I invite you to be my guest at our first public celebration service **EASTER SUNDAY**, April 6, at 11:00 a.m. We meet in the Laguna Hills High School Theater.

If you don't have a church home, give us a try! **DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE!**

Sincerely,

Rick Warren, Pastor

P.S. If you don't own a Bible, we'd like to give you a free one. Just return the enclosed card.

III. GO _____

“If a home or town refuses to welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet.”

Matthew 10:14 (NCV)

Some people are more ready to receive Christ than others.

*“Jesus told one unbeliever ‘You are **not far** from the Kingdom of God.’”*

Mark 12:34 (NVC)

- Growing churches focus on _____
- Non-growing churches focus on _____

Focus first on the *most receptive* people in your area.

Who are the most receptive people? _____

Those _____

Those _____

IV. USE _____.

Different fish like different kind of food.

Let your _____.

Start _____ not where you want them to be.

What was Paul’s evangelism strategy?

“... To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews ... In the same way, when with the Gentiles, I became like a Gentile, in order to win the Gentiles ... I have become all things to all men, that I may save some of them by any means possible.”

1 Corinthians 9:20-22 (GN)

What was Jesus’ standard approach? _____.

Start where people are. Be flexible.

“When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you.”

Luke 10:8 (NIV)

SADDLEBACK'S EVANGELISM STRATEGY

- THE _____ OF UNBELIEVERS DETERMINE OUR EVANGELISTIC _____.

“God treated the outsiders exactly as he treated us, beginning at the very center of who they were and working from that center outward, cleaning up their lives as they trusted and believed him.”

Acts 15:9 (The Message)

“Jesus said, ‘It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.’”

Mark 2:17

Jesus said, “What do you want me to do for you?”

Matt. 20:32; Mark 10:51; Luke 18:41

Catch the fish before you clean them!

WE'VE LEARNED

Anyone can be won to Christ if you _____

THAT KEY: His _____

Before you can share the Good News, you must first capture their attention.

The felt needs of unchurched Americans are primarily:

_____ & _____

- THE _____ OF UNBELIEVERS DETERMINES OUR _____.

“The weapons we use in our fight are not made by humans. Rather, they are powerful weapons from God. With them we destroy people's defenses, that is, their arguments.”

Corinthians 10:4 (GW)

“Be wise as serpents and as harmless as doves!”

Matthew 10:16 (NKJV)

“The people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than the people of the Light.”

Luke 16:8 (NIV)

● **THE _____ OF UNBELIEVERS DETERMINES OUR EVANGELISTIC _____.**

“Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.”

1 Corinthians 9:22 (LB)

A key question: Who are you trying to impress?

Fact: Every church caters to some kind of culture.

The question is: Does it match your community?

V. USE _____.

Offer people options and choices.

TROTLINE FISHING: The more hooks you use, _____.

“I become all things to all men so that I may save some of them by all means possible.”

1 Corinthians 9:22 (GN)

We live in a world full of choices! (soda, coffee, clothing, supermarkets, magazines, TV)

Growing churches practice “Saturation Evangelism” = Using every available means, to reach every available person, at every available time.

Why We Usually Fish With Only One Hook

The wrong question: _____?

The right question: _____?

Be driven by faith, not finance!

FINANCING EVANGELISM IN YOUR CHURCH

1. Money spent on evangelism is never an “expense.”

It is _____.

2. Churches never really have “money problems”

They have _____.

3. Hudson Taylor: “God’s work done God’s way will not lack _____.”

“Jesus said, ‘Go down to the lake and throw in a line. When you catch your first fish, open its mouth and you will find a coin. Take that coin and go pay the tax for us.’”

Matthew 17:27 (NLT)

4. If you focus on fishing _____.

VI. FISH FOR THE KIND OF FISH _____.

Go after those you are most likely to reach.

Two questions determine your most receptive people groups:

What kind of people _____?

What kind of person _____?

FACTS:

- I can best reach the people that _____.
- You will attract what _____ not what _____.

Three options when your church doesn’t match the community:

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. Start _____ to reach new groups.

WHAT TO DO FIRST

Your First Steps to Take in Targeting Your Community For Christ

- 1) **Probe:** Learn all you can about your area. Ask questions!
- 2) **Partition:** Divide your community into people groups.
- 3) **Prioritize:** Choose which people group you'll go after first.
- 4) **Position:** Create the kind of church that will speak to that group,

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Describe the kind of people who already attend your church:
2. Describe the kind of people who live in your community:
3. Describe the type of person you are:
4. Based on the above info, who should be the primary target of your church?
5. What are the common excuses people in your area give for not attending church?

ATTRACTING A “CROWD” TO WORSHIP

Preparing WORSHIP That WITNESSES To Unbelievers

*“Many in the crowd put their faith in him!”
John 7:31*

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT CROWDS

1. _____ attracted enormous crowds. “Multitudes”

1. HE _____.

*“Enormous crowds followed him wherever he went . . .”
Matthew 4:25 (LB)*

1) HE _____.

*“When he saw the **crowds**, he **had compassion** on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”
Matthew 9:36*

2) HE _____.

*“The large crowd **listened to him with delight.**”
Mark 12:37*

2. A crowd _____.

But a crowd can *become* a church using a Purpose Driven strategy!

3. No church grows without _____.

4. God wants His house _____.

*“Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be **filled!**”
Luke 14:23*

Jesus taught BOTH:

1) "Come & See" (Attractional evangelism)

2) "Go and Tell" (Missional evangelism)

5. The first church (in Jerusalem) _____ on its first day!

"That day, about 3,000 were baptized and added to the church."

Acts 2:41

TWELVE CONVICTIONS ABOUT WORSHIP

1. _____ can truly worship God.

*"God is Spirit, and **only by the power of his Spirit** can people worship him as he really is."*

John 4:24 (TEV)

Definition of worship: Expressing my love to God for who is he and what he has done.

2. You don't need _____ to worship God!

*"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and **does not live in temples built by hands.**"*

Acts 17:24(NIV)

3. There is no _____ of worship, only a _____.

"There are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them."

1 Corinthians 12:5-6 (RSV)

*"True worshipers will worship the Father **in spirit and in truth.** The Father is looking for anyone **who will worship him that way.**"*

John 4:23 (NLT)

4. Unbelievers CAN _____ worship.

*"As they praised God, **people in general liked what they saw.** And (as a result) every day their number grew as God added those who were saved."*

Acts 2:47 (Mes)

5. Worship is a powerful witness to unbelievers IF

God's _____ AND _____.

*(The angel said) "Do not worship me . . . Worship God! For the spirit of prophecy is to **give a clear witness for Jesus.**"*

Revelation 19:10 (NLT)

"When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe."

Matthew 9:8 (NIV)

*"He put a new song in my mouth. **Many people will see this and worship him.** Then they will trust the Lord."*

Psalms 40:3 (NIV)

6. God expects us to be sensitive to the _____ of unbelievers when they are present in our worship services.

*"**Be wise** in the way you act **toward those who are not believers,** making good use of every opportunity when they are with you. Your speech should always be pleasant and interesting . . ."*

Colossians 4:5-6 (TEV)

*"**Be tactful** with those who are not Christians . . ."*

Colossians 4:5 (JB)

*"If the whole church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues, and some who do not understand or some **unbelievers come in,** will they not say that you are out of your mind?"*

1 Corinthians 14:23

"Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God."

1 Corinthians 10:32 (NIV)

7. A worship service does not have to be shallow to be evangelistic. The message doesn't have to be compromised – just _____!

"If I don't understand the language, it's not going to do me much good."

1 Corinthians 14:11 (Mes)

The miracle of an understandable message brought 3,000 to Christ at Pentecost: “How is it that each of us hears and understands them in our own native languages?”
Acts 2:8

The term is not as important as the concept.

8. The needs of believers and unbelievers _____. They are very different in some areas but are very similar in many areas.

“He put a new song in my mouth. Many people will see this and worship him. Then they will trust the Lord.”
Psalm 40:3 (NIV)

9. It is best to purposefully target your services according to _____. If we send mixed signals, we get mixed results!

At Saddleback:

- Weekend services are planned with **unbelievers** in mind.
- Nights of Worship are planned with **believers** in mind.
- Small Group worship is intended for **intimate worship among believers**.

10. A service that witnesses to unbelievers is meant to _____ personal evangelism, not replace it.

11. Different kinds of services will reach different kinds of _____.

Universal, regardless of culture:

1. Treat them with respect
2. Relate text to their need
3. Interesting message

What really attracts unbelievers to a church is _____.

12. It takes _____ to offer an evangelistic worship service.

Every church faces the tension between “service” and “serve-us.”

*“We haven't used our rights. Instead, we would **put up with anything** in order not to hinder the Good News of Christ in any way.”*

1 Corinthians 9:12 (GW)

“Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve . . .”

Matthew 20:28 (LB)

HOW TO DESIGN AN EVANGELISTIC WORSHIP SERVICE

I. PLAN IT _____.

(See notes from session on targeting)

II. MAKE IT _____ TO ATTEND.

1. Offer multiple services and sites.
2. Offer surplus parking.
3. Offer children's classes at the same time as the service. 4) Put a map on all advertisements.

III. IMPROVE THE _____ OF YOUR SERVICE.

1. Speed it up!
2. Look for ways to save time.
3. Minimize transition times.
4. Keep pastoral prayers understandable.

IV. FOCUS ON MAKING VISITORS _____.

In the first 12 minutes, visitors decide if they'll come back.

- ° You never get a _____ to make a first impression!
- ° Your visitor's first emotion is _____.
- ° So First Goal: _____!

HOW TO REDUCE VISITOR'S FEAR & ANXIETY

1. Reserve your _____.
2. Station greeters _____.

What to look for in a greeter (qualifications of a greeter)

- 1) People who project warmth!
 - 2) People who match your target group!
 - 3) Spread them out. Don't bunch them all up in one place.
 - 4) Have them say "Welcome back!"
3. Set up an information table (or several).
 4. Place directional signs and maps everywhere.

5. Have music playing when people enter. It relaxes people.
6. Allow visitors to remain anonymous in the service. Call them “guests.” Help them feel “welcome and wanted” without being watched!
7. Offer outside seating if possible.
8. Encourage everyone to fill out a welcome card or flap/panel.
9. Offer a warm, casual public welcome that relaxes people.
10. Begin and end each service by having people greet each other. Have people turn and say “good morning!” so everyone is included.
11. Make nametags available to everyone (smaller churches).
12. Offer a refreshment table at each service.

V. BRIGHTEN UP YOUR _____.

Look at your building from the eyes of a visitor.

Ask: _____?

The problem: We tend to overlook things after _____.

8 FACTORS THAT CREATE A FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

A weekly checklist

1. _____?
“God is light and in him is no darkness at all!” 1 John 1:5 (NIV)
2. _____ Too warm or too cold kills a service.
3. _____ Buy the best you can afford.
4. _____
 - Provide enough space between seats.
 - Let people see each other’s faces.
 - Set up fewer chairs than you need.
5. _____ Don’t have too much or too little.
 - Fit the size of your crowd

- Distance of the pulpit to seats: The smaller the crowds, the closer the speaker needs to be to the people.
6. _____ Living plants give life.
 7. _____ Make sure they are clean and safe.
 8. _____ Clean and *odor-free!*

Goal: "... so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive."

Titus 2:10

VI. PRINT A SIMPLE _____.

The reason: it relaxes first-timers. They can see what's coming up next.

Suggestions:

- Describe your service in non-technical terms.
- Include program notes that explain what is happening.
- Avoid mystical religious symbols.
- Use bulletin covers with bright nature scenes.
- Use a modern, readable type.
- Always proofread for typographical errors.

VII. MINIMIZE _____.

Problem: The bigger you get, the more you have!

1. Train your people to read the bulletin.
2. Announce only the events that apply to everyone.
3. Screen out "in-house" terminology.
4. Avoid appeals for help.
5. Don't conduct internal church business in services visitors attend.

VIII. HELP THOSE WHO ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE BIBLE

Suggestions on using the Bible when unbelievers are present:

1. Provide an outline with the verses printed out.
2. Select Scripture readings appropriate for your target.
3. Use pew Bibles so they can find the text by page number

IX. PREACH WITH YOUR TARGET AND PURPOSE IN MIND

Listen to Purpose Driven Preaching Seminar

**X. ALWAYS OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE CHRIST AND
_____ PEOPLE TO RESPOND! (FAITH FACTOR)**

This is also covered in detail in the Preaching seminar. Saddleback uses the registration card as a decision card.

XI. CONTINUALLY _____ . Ask: What can we do better next weekend?

3 TOOLS SADDLEBACK HAS USED OVER THE YEARS

- First Impression business reply card (sent with letter to 1st time guests)
- Weekend communication card
- Weekly Worship Evaluation Form (for staff)

FIRST IMPRESSION CARD

**Our church wants to serve you better.
Would you give us your opinion please? Thanks!**

This is what I noticed first: _____

This is what I liked best: _____

This is what I liked least: _____

Age: 16-29, 30-44, 45-59, 60+ Date Attended: _____

SADDLEBACK RESPONSE CARD

Date _____ Email Address _____ New Email

Your Age Group

PLEASE PRINT 18-23 24-29 30's
 40's 50's 60's
 70's 80's

Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. New Address

Name _____

Address _____

(If A Student) Your Current School Grade:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 College

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Are You: Single Married

Home Phone (_____) _____

Names of children living at home & birthdates:

Work Phone (_____) _____

Is this your... 1st Time? 2nd Time? 3rd Time?

I am: Attender Member

A B C D Register

MY DECISION TODAY:

- I'm committing my life to Christ.
- I want to be baptized.
- I'm renewing my commitment to Christ.
 Enroll me in the next...
 - CLASS 101: Introduction To Our Church Family.
 - CLASS 201: Introduction To Spiritual Maturity.
 - CLASS 301: Discovering My Shape For Ministry.
 - CLASS 401: Discovering My Life Mission.
- I want to help at the church office.
- I want to help with children's programs.

I'M INTERESTED IN:

- Knowing how to commit my life to Christ.
- Growing in my relationship with Christ.
- Information on joining this church family.
- A small group.

Counseling: Pre-Marital Marriage Financial Personal

ACTIVITIES:

- Children Men Bible Studies
- Junior High Women Support Groups
- Senior High Seniors 12-Step Groups
- College Age(18-23) Parenting Business & Professionals
- Single Adults Single Parents Music
- Couples Child Dedication Recreation/Sport

COMMENTS, REQUESTS OR PRAYER NEEDS: For Prayer Team Confidential

WORSHIP EVALUATION FORM
"Evaluate For Excellence"

Date: _____ Service Hour: _____

OUTSIDE

Traffic Flow: _____

Parking: _____

Directional Signs: _____

Adequate Greeters: _____

Cleanliness of Bathrooms: _____

Cleanliness of Grounds: _____

Information Tables: _____

Refreshment Tables: _____

Other Factors: _____

SADDLEBACK KIDS (Children's Sunday School):

Easy to Find: _____

Comments: _____

Other Factors: _____

WORSHIP CENTER (Physical Appearance & Atmosphere)

Cleanliness: _____

Stage & Decorations: _____

Seating Arrangements: _____

Sound System: _____

Lighting: _____

Bulletins: _____

Ushers: _____

Other Factors: _____

WORSHIP SERVICE

Comments on Service: _____

Other Factors: _____

XII. MATCH YOUR MUSIC TO _____.

Music is the #1 factor in positioning your church.

Our two biggest mistakes involved music:

* We underestimated music's _____.

“He put a new song in my mouth. Many people will see this and worship him. Then they will trust the Lord.”

Psalm 40:3 (NIV)

* We tried to appeal to _____. There is no such thing as

“Christian music.” Only Christian lyrics.

Suggestions For Planning Music For Evangelistic Worship

1. _____.

Is this song doctrinally sound?

Is it understandable to the unchurched?

Does it use terms or metaphors that unbelievers wouldn't understand?

What is the purpose of this song? Who is the target?

How does it make me feel?

2. _____.

“Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.”

Psalm 100:2 (NIV)

“David ordered the Levites to organize the singers into an orchestra, and they played loudly and joyously upon psalteries, harps, and cymbals.”

1 Chronicles 15:16 (LB)

3. Edit _____ from your songs.

4. Find the right balance in the amount of music.

5. In smaller churches: Use more performed music than congregational singing in your service for reaching unbelievers.

6. Use music _____ not the “art.”

Music is God's gift for communication emotion

7. Encourage your members to _____.

Sing to the Lord a NEW song.”

Psalm 96:1

OUR GOAL: *“Many in the crowd put their faith in him.”* John 7:31

Things Pastors Should Tell Their Worship Leaders

1. I appreciate you.
2. Warm up your heart, body, and voice before the service.
3. Love the people you want to lead.
4. Sing songs in the key of your congregation.
5. Model worship. Don't be a cheerleader.
6. Memorize your songs.
7. Match your song to your target.
8. Spend time with attenders before and after service.
9. Don't sing more than one new song in a service.
10. Ask: How does this song make me feel?
11. Ask: Could a man sing this song?
12. Be flexible in change ups.
13. Remember that connecting with people is more important than excellence in performance.
14. Remember that fast can be soft and slow can be loud.
15. Sit in the service during the teaching for at least one service.
16. Don't preach. Let your songs preach.
17. Take care of your health.
18. Be yourself.

THE PURPOSE OF FELLOWSHIP BUILDING YOUR “CONGREGATION”

Turning Attenders Into Members

“Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God’s very own family . . . and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.”

Ephesians 2:19 (LB)

“In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”

Romans 12:5

I. _____ WHERE PEOPLE WANT TO JOIN!

The two things people crave most: Love & Acceptance.

*“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you **love one another.**”*

John 13:35

*“**Accept one another,** then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.”*

Romans 15:7

Fact: Growing churches love and loving churches grow!
Position your church as a family, not as an institution!

SUGGESTIONS TO LEADERS FOR CREATING A WARMER FELLOWSHIP

Campus Pastors . . . Service Pastors . . . Staff . . .

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

“Let us concentrate on the things that make for harmony and the growth of our fellowship together.”

Romans 14:19 (Ph)

II. COMMUNICATE _____.

The Three Parts of Following Jesus

1. BELIEVING

“BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved.” Acts 16:31
(LB)

2. BELONGING

“You are a member of God’s very own family . . . and you BELONG in God’s household with every other Christian!” Ephesians 2:19 (LB)

3. BECOMING

“From the very beginning God decided that those who came to him... should BECOME like his Son . . .” Romans 8:29 (LB)

BENEFITS TO MEMBERSHIP

- It identifies me as a genuine believer. *Ephesians 2:19; Romans 12:5*
- It gives me a spiritual family for support. *Galatians 6:1-2; Hebrews 10:24-25*
- It provides a place to discover and use my gifts in ministry. *1 Cor. 12:4-27*

- It places me under the spiritual protection of godly leaders. *Heb.13:17; Acts 20:28-29*
- It gives me the accountability I need to grow. *Ephesians 5:21*

Help people see “Membership” as a step of spiritual growth not an organizational ritual.

III. DEVELOP _____.

QUESTIONS YOU NEED TO ASK

1. What does God expect from members of His church?
2. What do we expect from our members right now?
3. What kinds of people already make up our congregation?
4. How will that change in the next 5 to 10 years?
5. What do our members value?
6. What are new members’ greatest needs?
7. What are our long-term members’ greatest needs?
8. How can we make membership more meaningful?
9. How can we insure that members feel loved and cared for?
10. What do we owe our members?
11. What resources or services could we offer our members?
12. How could we add value to what we already offer?

QUESTIONS THAT PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ASK THAT YOU’LL NEED TO ANSWER!

1. Do I fit here? (acceptance)
2. Does anybody want to know me? (friendship)
3. Am I needed? (value)
4. What is the advantage of joining? (benefit)
5. What is required of members? (expectations)

IV. ESTABLISH A _____.

How people join your church will determine their effectiveness as members for years.

A strong membership class will grow a strong church.

Outline of CLASS 101: DISCOVERING YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Session 1: God's Purposes For Your Life

"It is in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for . . . part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone."

Ephesians 1:11 (Mes)

"Everything, absolutely everything . . . got started in him and finds its purpose in him."

Colossians 1:16 (Mes)

Session 2: Why You Need A Church Family

"God's unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ."

Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

" . . . You are members of God's very own family . . . and you belong in God's household with every other Christian."

Ephesians 2:19 (LB)

"Love your spiritual family!"

1 Peter 2:17b (Mes)

Session 3: Our Statements / What We Believe

"Don't let others spoil your faith and joy with their philosophies, their wrong and shallow answers built on men's thoughts and ideas, instead of on what Christ has said."

Colossians 2:8 (LB)

"Let there be real harmony so that there won't be splits in the church. Be of one mind, united in thought and purpose."

1 Corinthians 1:10 (LB)

4 Statements We Cover In Our Membership Class

- Our Purpose Statement
- Our Faith Statement
- Our Lifestyle Statement
- Our Circles of Commitment & Covenants

Session 4: What It Means To Be A Member

“Let the peace of heart that comes from Christ be always present in your hearts and lives, for this is your responsibility and privilege as members of his body.”

Colossians 3:15 (LB)

- How God Wants His Church Organized
- The Two Ordinances of the Church: Baptism & Lord’s Supper
- What it Means to be a Member
- Our Membership Covenant
- What’s my Next Step?

We have three versions of the 101 Membership Class: Children’s, Youth & Adult. Outlines and resources of Class 101 are available at www.pastors.com.

V. DEVELOP A MEMBERSHIP _____

The difference between “attenders” & “members” is summed up in the word: _____

FACT: People are going to leave your church no matter what.

When your church adopts a membership covenant, you are choosing who stays!

The Saddleback Membership Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with Saddleback's statements, strategy, and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Saddleback church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

By acting in love toward other members

By refusing to gossip

By following the leaders

2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

By praying for its growth

By inviting the unchurched to attend

By warmly welcoming those who visit

3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

By discovering my gifts and talents

By being equipped to serve by my pastors

By developing a servant's heart

4. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

By attending faithfully

By living a godly life

By giving regularly

VI. CREATE OPPORTUNITIES TO _____.

Retreats are the fastest way to build relationships.

VII. ENCOURAGE EVERY MEMBER TO JOIN A _____.

HEALTHY CHURCHES GROW _____.

VIII. USE _____.

Build in redundancy. People have to be told many times.

“Be sure you know the condition of your flock; give attention to your herds.”

Proverbs 27:23

CHANNELS WE USE FOR FEEDBACK

1. Weekend Communication Card
2. Email
3. Small Group Leader Reports
4. Prayer Chain
5. Care Caller reports (when we were smaller)

CHANNELS USED TO COMMUNICATE A MESSAGE TO THE CONGREGATION

- Phone calls (still the most personal)
- Email
- Texting
- Church News Videos (weekends)
- News & Views
- Saddleback SLICE
- Videos for Small Groups
- Bulletins & Newsletters
- Our Websites
- Social Media
- Apps
- Postcards

People tend to be down on what they aren't up on!

IX. MAKE YOUR MEMBERS _____.

1. Print a nice certificate of baptism and membership.
2. Take their picture!
3. Celebrate new members with banquets or receptions.
4. Use public testimonies to create heroes in the church.
5. Take their prayer requests seriously.
6. Invite small groups to a Pastor's Coffee or gathering.
7. Send cards on special days.
8. Give them a meaningful ministry role & the freedom to do it.
9. Challenge them with an eternal vision.

DEVELOPING COMMITTED DISCIPLES

Moving People From The Congregation Into The Committed

*“Our greatest wish and prayer is that you will become **mature Christians.**” 2 Corinthians 13:9b (LB)*

*“So that God's people will be equipped to do better work for him, **building up the Church, the body of Christ, to a position of strength and maturity.**” Ephesians 4:12 (LB)*

*“**Our tools** are ready at hand for clearing the ground of every obstruction and **building lives of obedience into maturity** until finally we all **believe . . . and become full-grown in the Lord--yes, to the point of being filled full with Christ.**” Ephesians 4:13 (LB)*

FIVE POWERFUL TOOLS PURPOSE DRIVEN CHURCHES USE TO CULTIVATE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. We use _____
2. We use _____
3. We use _____
4. We use _____
5. We use _____

I. COMMITMENT CARDS: HELP PEOPLE TO RESPOND

One of the most powerful, yet overlooked, tools for building spiritual depth.

FACT: You must _____ people for their commitment or you won't get it!

HOW?

- ASK _____!

“According to your faith it will be done to you.”

Matthew 9:29

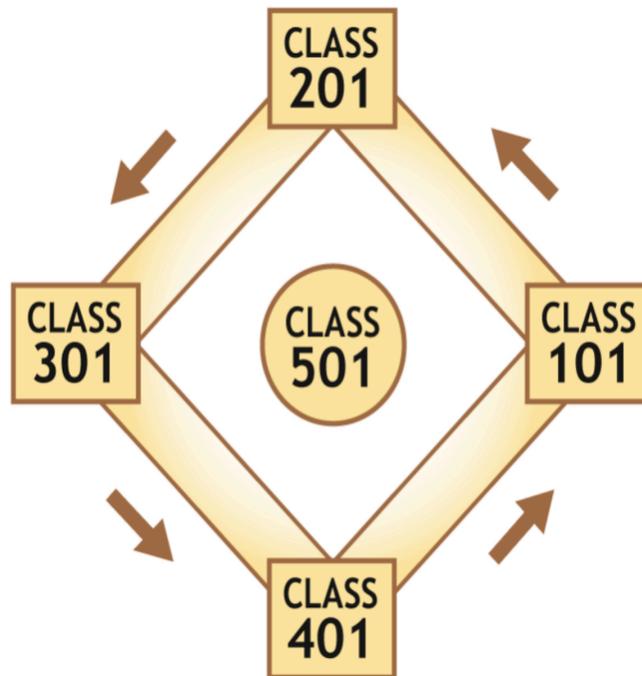
- ASK _____
- EXPLAIN _____
- ALLOW _____

II. CLASSES: SET UP THE PURPOSE DRIVEN CLASS SYSTEM THAT INTRODUCES EACH OF GOD'S FIVE PURPOSES.

THE MONTHLY CORE CLASSES THAT SADDLEBACK WAS BUILT ON

The 5 Essential Building Blocks (DNA) of a Purpose Driven Church

CLASS 101 - Discovering My Church Family	<i>(Membership)</i>
CLASS 201 - Discovering Spiritual Maturity	<i>(Discipleship)</i>
CLASS 301 - Discovering My Shape for Ministry	<i>(Service)</i>
CLASS 401 - Discovering My Life Mission	<i>(Evangelism)</i>
CLASS 501 - Living For God's Glory	<i>(Worship)</i>



- The Goal: To start living out each purpose
- How Long? 4 hours with a meal
- How Often? Every month
- Who teaches it? Volunteers & Staff
- Where can I get class materials for my church? www.pastors.com

THE RESULT? CONSISTENT MONTH-BY-MONTH GROWTH!

Once the system is set up, all you do is improve it each year.
 What are you doing next year? "The same thing ... only better!"

III. COVENANTS: DEVELOP COVENANTS THAT EXPRESS PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO EACH OF GOD'S FIVE PURPOSES.

The MOST IMPORTANT part of each class is the covenant.

Class 101-501 are designed to raise commitment (slowly turn up the heat!).

A Membership Covenant A Maturity Covenant

A Ministry Covenant

A Missions Covenant

A Magnification Covenant

A Biblical example of people signing a spiritual covenant together: (Nehemiah's day)

"In view of all this, we are making a binding covenant, putting it in writing, and our leaders, our Levites and our priests are affixing their seals to it."

Nehemiah 9:38 (NIV)

- WHEN do people sign them? At the end of each class.
- WHAT is the purpose? To raise the level of maturity and commitment.
- WHY are covenants important to the health of the church?

1. We become whatever we are _____.

"A great commitment to the Great Commandment & Great Commission will grow a *Great Church!*"

2. Every church is _____ by what it is committed to.

"... wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God."

1 Thessalonians 1:8 (NLT)

3. People want to be committed to something that gives them _____.

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

Matthew 4:19 4.

4. If your church doesn't ask for your people's commitment _____.

5. The greater the commitment you ask for, the greater _____.

Any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:33

IV. SMALL GROUPS

Structure your small groups around the _____ and _____ that produce spiritual growth.

Role + Relationship = a member that will stay.

Every church must grow larger and smaller at the same time.

Two types of gatherings are necessary for spiritual growth:

*“(They met) day after day, in the **Temple courts** and from **house to house** . . .”*

Acts 5:42

- Large group – _____
- Small group – _____

“Greet the church that meets in their home.”

Rom. 16:5 Also Acts 2:46, 8:3, 16:40, 20:20; 1 Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15

THE PERSONAL BENEFITS OF BEING IN A SMALL GROUP

1. It is the best place to _____.
2. It helps me _____ because I can ask questions.
3. It provides _____ I need to grow.
4. It offers _____ when I’m under stress.
5. It is a safe place to _____.
6. It is a natural relaxed way to _____.

THE ADVANTAGES OF HOME GROUPS OVER SUNDAY SCHOOL

1. You have _____ to accomplish your purposes.
2. It has a _____ for real fellowship to happen.
3. Home groups are _____.
4. Home groups are _____ unlimited.
5. Home groups are reproducible _____.
6. Home groups are _____.

Three Weaknesses:

1. Sunday school must _____ to house it.
2. Sunday school uses up _____.
3. Some people will not bring _____ if they also plan to attend Sunday School.

NOTE: Not every kind of small group produces spiritual growth!

It’s takes healthy groups--balanced around all five purposes!

MAKE SURE YOUR SMALL GROUPS ARE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIKE THE FIRST CHURCH: ACTS 2:42-47

1. They _____ (Maturity)
"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching..."
2. They _____ (Membership)
"... they joined in the fellowship... and ate together with glad and sincere hearts..."
3. They _____ (Magnification)
"... they devoted themselves to the breaking of bread and prayer..."
"... they were praising God..."
4. They _____ to each other. (Ministry)
"... they gave to anyone as he had a need..."
5. They _____ (Mission)
"And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

The secret: Appoint a _____ in each group for each purpose!

PUT THE DIAMOND IN THE CENTER OF EVERY GROUP.

EVERY GROUP DOES ALL 5 PURPOSES!

BUILD _____ INTO YOUR GROUP TIME.

- Helping your people develop spiritually is one of the best things you can do for them.
- The term "*spiritual habits*" is less threatening to new believers than "*spiritual disciplines*."
- Dostoyevsky: "The second half of a man's life is determined by the habits he acquired during the first half."
- In each Class (101 to 501) we teach the habits that correspond to that particular purpose.

CLASS 201 HABITS

Putting Christ first in My Time, My Money, and My Relationships

- A DAILY _____ WITH GOD. Mark 1:35
- A WEEKLY _____ TO GOD. 1 Corinthians 16:2
- A COMMITTED _____ FOR GOD. Hebrews 10:25

WHY DON'T MOST BELIEVERS GROW TO MATURITY?

1. They don't _____ the direction of their lives on a regular basis.

*“Let us **look closely** at our ways and **examine** them and then return to the Lord.”*

Lamentations 3:40 (GW)

*“If we **examine** ourselves, we will not be examined by God and judged in this way.”*

1 Corinthians 11:31 (NLT)

*“**Test yourselves** to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular **CHECKUPS**.”*

2 Corinthians 13:5 (Mes)

2. They don't _____ on God's Word on a daily basis.

*“People need more than bread for their life; real life comes by **feeding on every word of God**.”*

Deuteronomy 8:3 (NLT)

*“Faith comes from **HEARING THE WORD** of God.”*

Romans 10:17 (CEV)

3. They don't _____ what they learn.

“I don't really know it until I do it!”

“Make every effort to apply the benefits of God's promises to your life. Then your faith will produce a life of moral excellence which leads to knowing God better.”

2 Peter 1:5 (NLT)

“Anyone who listens to the Word and takes no action is like someone who looks at himself in a mirror and . . . goes off and immediately forgets it. But anyone who . . . puts it into practice will be blessed in every undertaking.”

James 1:23-25 (NJB)

“Remember, it is a message to obey, not just to listen to. If you don't obey, you are only fooling yourself.”

James 1:22 (NLT)

Jesus: “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the Word of God and ACT ON IT.”

Luke 8:21 (NAB)

4. They don’t _____ to others what they know.

“Let our lives lovingly express truth in all things, speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly.”

Ephesians 4:15a (Amp)

“Each day tell someone that he saves.”

Psalms 96:2 (LB)

V. CAMPAIGNS: USE AN ANNUAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH CAMPAIGN TO BOOST THE GROWTH OF YOUR PEOPLE.

• WHAT IS A GROWTH CAMPAIGN?

An intensive, extended, all-church emphasis involving every age group that focuses on a particular aspect of spiritual growth.

SOME PAST CAMPAIGNS AT SADDLEBACK

- I Want To Growth 1980
- I Love My Church 1983
- Building For Life 1998
- Millennial Members 1999
- 50 Days of Faith 2000
- 50 Days of Love 2001

AVAILABLE TO YOUR CHURCH

- 40 Days Of Purpose (6 weeks)
- 40 Days Of Community (6 weeks)
- 40 Days Of Peace (6 weeks)
- 40 Days in the Word (6 weeks)
- Live Your Calling (6 weeks)
- 50 Days of Transformation (8 weeks)
- Daring Faith (10 weeks)
- The Miracle of Mercy (8 weeks)
- 40 Days of Prayer (6weeks)

In Saddleback's history, *nothing* has produced more change and growth in our members than campaigns!

EXAMPLE: 40 DAYS OF PURPOSE (2002)

In just 40 days...	671 new believers were baptized
	1,200 new members took Class 101 and joined
	2,000 increase in weekly worship attendance
	1,400 new small groups were started
	2,200 more people started serving in ministry
	3,700 committed to a world missions project

WHY DO CAMPAIGNS WORK? 5 TRANSFORMATION COMPONENTS

1. _____

The first thing you do is call your entire church to unified prayer. The Bible says, "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain." Months of prayerful preparation precede each campaign. Many churches schedule days of fasting to prepare their hearts for awakening. There is mountain-moving power in unified prayer.

2. _____

The entire church - every small group (or Sunday school class) every age group, and every worship service focuses on the same theme for 40 days. Church programs usually point members in twenty different directions, but the power of focus is amazing.

3. _____

Campaigns are built around four habits everyone needs to grow in: weekly worship attendance, a daily quiet time, a weekly small group Bible study, and a weekly Scripture memory verse. These habits keep people growing long after the campaign is finished.

4. _____

Each weekend message during a campaign is designed to cause people to become "*doers of the Word, and not hearers only.*" Each sermon has either a homework assignment, or an event after the service, like the Ministry Fair or Missions Fair, where people could act on what they've learned.

5. _____

Exponential faith thinking stretches your faith by adding a *zero* to whatever your goal is. For instance, if you have 4 small groups, you ask, "What if we prayed and worked to start 40 classes or groups?" It's thinking so big that you are forced to completely depend on God because you know you cannot reach your goal on your own power. This "faith factor" is what takes the campaign out of the realm of "What we've always done" or "What we think we could do" and instead expects God to do something that's never been done before in your church. We've heard thousands of testimonies from churches about this.

EMPOWERING YOUR CORE FOR MINISTRY

How To Turn An Audience Into An Army

GALLUP SURVEY:

- Only ____% of all laymen are active in a ministry.
- An additional 50% have no interest at all.
- BUT ____% said they'd like to be involved but have never been asked or don't know how.

I. TEACH THE _____ FOR LAY MINISTRY.

4 Pillars of Lay Ministry: Romans 12:1-8

1. Every believer is _____.
2. Every ministry is _____.
3. We are dependent _____.
4. Ministry is the expression of _____.

S. _____ (1 Cor. 12; Rom. 8; Eph. 4)

H. _____ (Matt. 12:34; Prov. 4:23; Ps. 37:4)

A. _____ (Ex. 31:3; 1 Cor. 12:5)

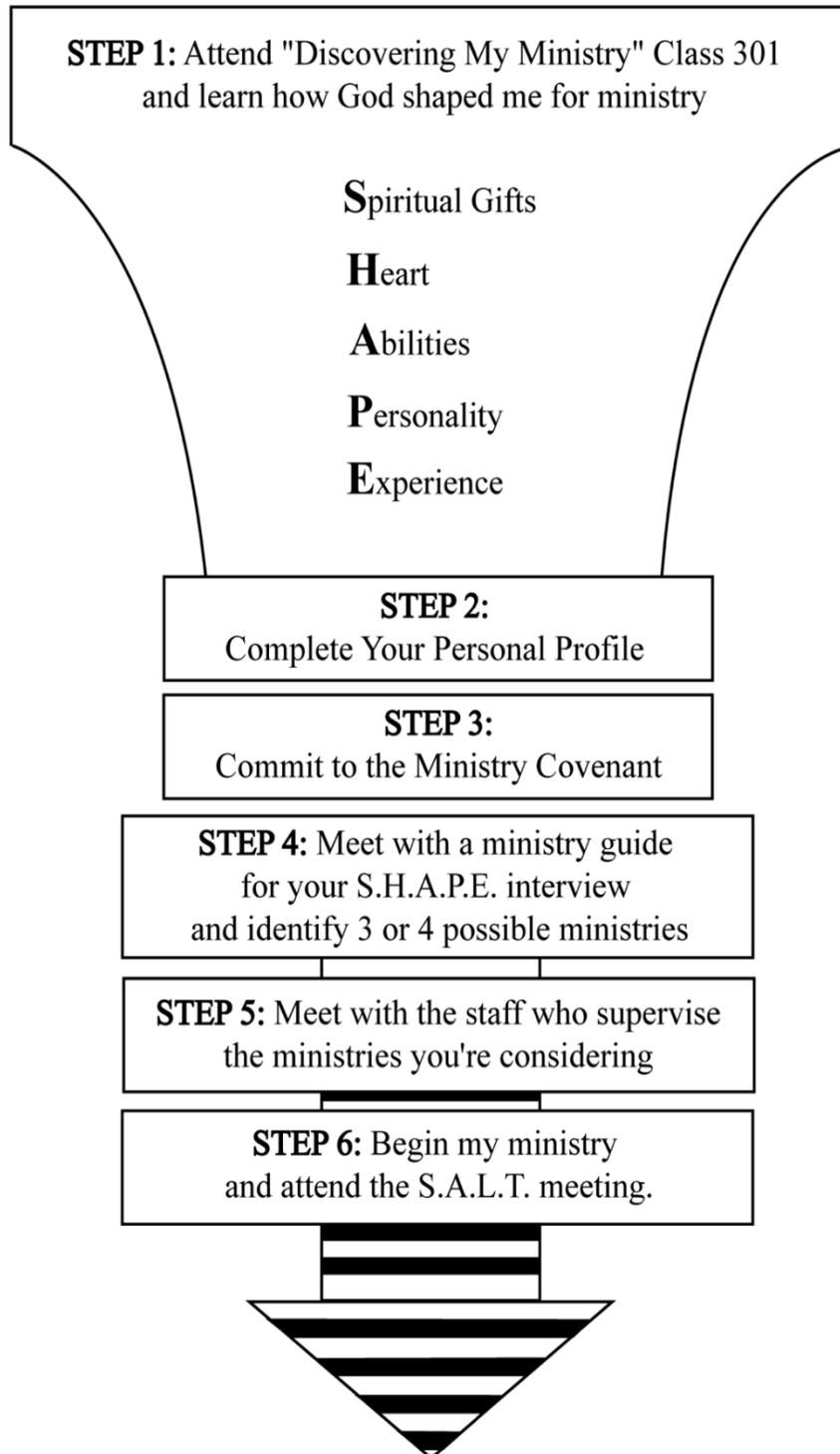
P. _____ (1 Cor. 2:11 LB)

E. _____ (Rom. 8:28; 2 Cor. 1)

Sermon Series: "You Are SHAPED For Significance" www.pastors.com

II. ESTABLISH A MINISTRY PLACEMENT _____.

SADDLEBACK'S PROCESS



III. STREAMLINE YOUR ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE TO MAXIMIZE MINISTRY AND MINIMIZE _____.

The most valuable thing people give you is their time.

One way to minimize maintenance: _____.

IV. PROVIDE _____.

Warning: Don't wear people out with _____.

V. NEVER START A MINISTRY _____.

The most critical factor in a new ministry start-up:

Not the _____ but the _____.

Everything rises or falls on leadership! Trust God's timing! Never push people into ministry.

FACT: Most small churches try to do _____ and _____.

VI. ESTABLISH MINIMUM _____

But don't bury them with _____ or _____.

At Saddleback Church, any 301 graduate can start a new ministry as long as they follow **FOUR MINISTRY GUIDELINES**:

1. You don't expect _____.
2. The ministry is compatible with our church's _____.
3. The ministry will not harm _____ of the church.
4. You don't do any _____.

VII. ALLOW PEOPLE TO _____ MINISTRIES GRACEFULLY, WITHOUT GUILT!

GIVE YOUR PEOPLE FREEDOM TO DO THREE THINGS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

VIII. PROVIDE THE _____ NEEDED.

1. _____ Support

Access to copy machines, phones, Internet, space to meet

2. _____ Support

Develop multiple communication channels to stay in touch with your core of lay leaders and ministers

- Voice mailbox for events
- Webpage: www.saddleback.com
- Group Net
- Leader Net

3. _____ Support

Keep your ministries visible!

- Set up ministry tables outside your building.
- Give every minister a nametag.
- Hold a ministry fair at least twice a year.
- Print a brochure for each ministry.
- Refer to ministries publicly from the pulpit.
- Plan special events to honor your lay ministers.

4. _____ Support

IX. DELEGATE _____ WITH RESPONSIBILITY.

Trust your people!

The church is not an organization; it's an organism. It's not a business; it's a body
Build a climate of trust.

The key to motivating lay ministries over the long haul: _____

Decentralize the control. Allow it to grow. Don't be a bottleneck!

People respond to _____!

How to Bring Out the Best in Others:

1. Give them a _____.
2. Give them _____.
3. Give them the _____.

People will be as creative as the structures allow them to be!

X. ALWAYS KEEP _____ BEFORE THEM.

Help people to see that they are investing for eternity!

There is NO GREATER CAUSE than the Kingdom of God!

THE NEHEMIAH PRINCIPLE:

Vision must be renewed every _____!

Recast the vision. Restate the vision monthly.

SENDING OUT YOUR COMMISSIONED ON MISSION

The Global PEACE Plan

IN HIS LAST DAYS, JESUS WAS MOST CONCERNED ABOUT OUR MISSION

The night before his Crucifixion:

Jesus prayed, “In the same way that you (Father) gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.”

John 17:18 (Mes)

After his Resurrection:

“Go and make disciples OF ALL 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 28:19-20

Before his Ascension:

“The disciples asked, ‘Lord, when are You going to restore the Kingdom to Israel?’ Jesus replied, “It’s not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set. But when the Holy Spirit comes, you will receive His power and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, AND in Judea AND in Samaria, AND to the ends of the earth!”

Acts 1:6-8

Our mission to the whole world is to be SIMULTANEOUS, not sequential!

ISAIAH 49:1-6 GOD HAD TO EXPAND ISAIAH’S VISION OF HIS MISSION

“God said to me, ‘You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor.’ But I said, ‘I have labored to no purpose. I’ve spent my strength in vain and for nothing!’”

Isaiah 49:3-4

“Then the Lord said to Isaiah, ‘It is TOO SMALL A THING for you as my servant to just restore only the tribes of Jacob and just bring Israel back to me. I will ALSO make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH!’”

Isaiah 49:6

“God said ‘It’s not a big enough job for my servant just to recover the tribes of Jacob, I’m setting you up as a light for the nations SO THAT MY SALVATION BECOMES GLOBAL!’”

Isaiah 49:6 (Message)

OUR MISSION IS: _____!

I. WHAT ARE THE WORLD’S BIGGEST PROBLEMS? “5 GLOBAL GIANTS”

1. SPIRITUAL _____

“Everything is meaningless, utterly meaningless! What do people get for all their hard work? Generations come and go, but nothing really changes . . . Everything is so weary and tiresome! No matter how much we see, we are never satisfied. No matter how much we hear, we are not content.”

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 (NLT)

2. SELF-SERVING _____

Jesus: “You’ve observed how godless leaders throw their weight around, and when they get a little power how quickly it goes to their heads.”

Mark 10:42 (Mes)

“Without wise leadership, a nation falls.”

Proverbs 11:14

“As surely as I am the living God, you had better listen to me! My sheep have been attacked by wild animals that killed and ate them because the shepherds didn’t try to find the sheep. The shepherds were taking care of themselves and not caring for the sheep.”

Ezekiel 34:8 (TEV)

3. EXTREME _____

“Their skin has shriveled on their bones; it has become as dry as a stick. Those killed by the sword are better off than those who die of famine; racked with hunger, they waste away for lack of food.”

Lamentations 4:8-9 (NIV)

4. PANDEMIC _____

“Prophets who spoke long ago, before my time and yours, predicted that war, starvation, and diseases would come to many nations and powerful kingdoms.”

Jeremiah 28:8 (TEV)

5. A DEPRIVATION _____

“My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge.”

Hosea 4:6a (NIV)

ONLY 1 GROUP IS BIG ENOUGH TO HANDLE THESE:

“I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?”
Jeremiah 32:27

“With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine.”

Ephesians 3:20

II. WHAT DID JESUS DO?**P** _____

“I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”
Matthew 16:18

2 KINDS OF RECONCILIATION ARE POSSIBLE THROUGH JESUS

- Jesus ends our conflict with God and brings peace.
God reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”
2 Corinthians 5:18

- Jesus ends our conflict with each other and brings peace.
“Together as one body, Christ reconciled all groups to God by means of His death, and our hostility toward each other is put to death.” Ephesians 2:16

E _____

Jesus appointed twelve--as apostles--that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach.”

Mark 3:14 (NIV)

Steps to Disciple:

1. I do it (model)
2. Watch me do it
3. You do it. I watch
4. You do it on your own

“I have given you an example to follow: now do as I have done to you.” John 13:15 (LB)

A _____

“The Spirit of the Lord has appointed me to preach good news to the poor . . .” Luke 4:18

God loves the poor!

C _____

“Jesus went to every town and village preaching the good news, teaching everyone, and healing every disease and sickness.” Matthew 9:35

We have a preaching, teaching, healing faith!

E _____

“Wherever Jesus went, crowds flocked to him, and he taught them as he always did.”

Mark 10:1

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to them.”

Mark 10:14

Jesus’ model of ministry is the antidote to the world’s biggest problems!

What Jesus did in his physical body while on earth, he expects his spiritual body (the church) to continue!

III. HOW CAN WE CONTINUE THE MISSION OF JESUS?

When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you.”

Luke 10:5-6

THE PEACE PLAN

Definition: Ordinary people empowered by God, making a difference together wherever they are.

1. **PERSONAL Peace** - your personal ministry to the people in your life.
2. **LOCAL Peace** - your small group’s ministry to others in your area.
3. **GLOBAL Peace** - your church’s ministry to the entire world.

P _____

Make the local church the hero!

“My ambition has always been to share the Good News where the name of Christ has never been heard, rather than where a church has already been started by someone else.”

Romans 15:20 (NLT)

“The one who plants and the one who waters work as a team with the same purpose.” Yet they both will be rewarded (for) their own hard work.”

1 Corinthians 3:8 (NLT)

E _____

Pass it on!

“I will give you leaders after my own heart, who will guide you with wisdom and understanding.”

Jeremiah 3:15 (LB)

“Pass on what you heard from me in the whole congregation to reliable leaders, who are competent to teach others.”

2 Timothy 2:2 (Mes)

A _____

Give a hand up, not a hand out!

“If you see someone in need, and have the means to do something about it, but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God's love in you? It disappears!”

1 John 3:17 (Mes)

“What God considers to be pure and genuine religion is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their suffering . . .”

James 1:27 (TEV)

“If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord—and he will repay you!”

Proverbs 19:17 (NLT)

C _____

You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.”
Luke 6:36 (NLT) “Live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us . . .”

Ephesians. 5:2 (NIV)

E _____

*“So the next generation will know, and all the generations to come—
Know the truth and tell the stories, so your children can trust in God...”*

Psalms 78:6-7 (Mes)

“Teach the children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives.”

Proverbs 22:6 (TEV)

IV. HOW IS THE PEACE PLAN DIFFERENT FROM OTHER STRATEGIES?

SEVEN PILLARS OF THE PEACE PLAN THE UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

P _____ – PEACE is a purpose-driven strategy, built on the five purposes given in the Great Commandment and Great Commission AND the specific instructions that Jesus gave to the mission teams he sent out in Matthew 10 and Luke 10.

I _____ – PEACE is a lay movement, designed to mobilize average church members to do normal tasks that can change the world. There aren't enough doctors, teachers, missionaries, and other professionals to defeat the global giants. Everyone can participate in personal, local, and global PEACE projects.

L _____ – PEACE is a grassroots church-to-church strategy, linking congregations around the world to make a difference together.

L _____ – PEACE is a small group strategy that utilizes group dynamics for support and accountability. No one ever goes by themselves. Jesus always sent his followers out in teams.

It's better to have a partner than go it alone.” Ecclesiastes 4:9 (Mes)

A _____ – PEACE is a comprehensive strategy, which attacks all five problems because they are entwined. NGOs specialize, and governments ignore the spiritual dimension, but churches are called to care about all of the problems.

R _____ – PEACE is a church-based strategy that makes local congregations the heroes, rather than government or NGO staff. It honors and values their role in their communities. We believe local church leaders understand local needs better than outsiders, and that churches, because of their location, motivation, longevity, and credibility, are the best grassroots organization to tackle the five giants.

S _____ – PEACE is a global strategy. Our goal is to mobilize churches in every nation to reach the final 3,000 unreached, unengaged tribes.

IV. WHAT WILL IT TAKE?

1. WE MUST _____.

“God will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.”

Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

- WHAT is God doing in the world? _____
- WHERE is the Kingdom of God? _____
- WHAT is the Kingdom of God?

GOD’S _____ FULFILLING GOD’S _____ ON GOD’S _____.

4 Features of God’s Kingdom

1. IT IS _____

*“People will come from all over the world to take their places in the Kingdom of God.” **Luke 13:29***

2. IT IS _____

*“The Kingdom of God is living by God’s power.” **1 Corinthians 4:20***

3. IT IS _____

*“... nothing can destroy it.” **Hebrews 12:28***

4. IT IS _____

*“And this gospel of the kingdom WILL be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” **Matthew 24:14***

“Then all nations will remember the Lord. From every part of the world they will turn to Him; all races will worship Him . . . All people will bow down before Him, and future generations will serve Him.”
Psalm 22:27-30

2. WE MUST _____.

“ . . . do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible.” **1 Corinthians 7:35 (NLT)**

3. WE MUST _____.

“We are not saying that we can do this work ourselves. It is God who makes us able to do all that we do.” **2 Corinthians 3:5 (NCV)**

“With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine.” **Ephesians 3:20 (NCV)**

4. WE MUST _____.

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for me?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’” **Isaiah 6:8**

“I have a plan for the whole earth, for my mighty power reaches throughout the world. The Lord Almighty has spoken—who can change his plans?” **Isaiah 14:26-27**

“For the time will come when all the earth will be filled, as the waters fill the sea, with an awareness of the glory of the Lord.”
Habakkuk 2:14 (NLT)

“Then all nations will remember the Lord. From every part of the world they will turn to him; all races will worship him . . . all people will bow down before him, and future generations will serve him.”
Psalm 22:27-30

“If you will ask me, I will give you the nations as your inheritance. All the people on earth will be yours!” **Psalm 2:8 (NCV)**