

Missional Ministry Groups

(This group was themed on scripture excerpts)

Focus: Can we look at all groups, guilds, serve opportunities through the lens of:

Invitation/Hospitality (Luke 14: 12-14)
Love (John 13: 34&35)
Mentorship (2 Tim 2:2)
Discipleship (Col 1: 9-12)
Unity (1 John 17:20-23)
Evangelism (2 Cor 5:18-20)

Make sure all people have a place, that groups are open & welcoming

For those who would love to contribute to worship music but don't have time to be on a team . . .

it would be great if the communion song (or other) could be open to congregational guest musicians

Guess who is coming to dinner night (hostees sign up and are matched with people they don't know well)

Invitation/Hospitality Luke 14: 12-14

Small Groups (Luke 14: 12-14)
Need small group designs that accommodate growth & including new members, or subdivided if too large so new people are welcome (true for all ministry groups)

put out a call for more musicians

Rotational leadership

Short term leaders

Invite others to the work

more smaller groups within larger entity. . .

Love John 13: 34&35

Sometimes hard to love but often the only choice
Pray for tolerance

Love: prayer chain / support & care internally for one another

Love of Christ seen in what we DO

Success is measured by love, spacious times . . .

. . .relationship, conversation spaces, know disciples by love

(Challenges to love exist)
Love is not toothless, it is tough

Mentorship 2 Timothy 2:2

Mentorship - lack of leadership when not present

(Mentorship is not cloning)

Mentorship requires vulnerability

Lack of leaders when mentoring doesn't happen

Mentorship not easy - requires transparency and trust (giving not keeping)

Purposefully invite younger people to join your ministry group, mentor them in the what, how & why or ministry

Rotational leadership necessary, short-term leaders for limited time

succession planning & discipleship / mentoring

How to support & train . . . (perhaps in small groups?)

- leaders
- listeners
- servants
- teachers
-activists

Be intentional about making mentorship happen

identify those who are gifted to be mentors

Mentorship is about giving not clearing

Mentorship requires vulnerability

Discipleship Colossians 1:9-12

Men's Bible study, reactivate, encourage membership, time, place

Discipleship / Mentorship: Guided intention of each ministry (building a cathedral)

Discipleship - Bible study - in nursery

Remember Martha and Mary - some are enablers, others learners

How groups can be more missional

Teaching as part of ministry work

Make sure people know there is a need, and which opportunities for involvement exist

Unity 1 John 17: 20-23

Corporation - introduction of spiritual conversation & practice leads to unity

Creating micro groups of support in enabling ministries

Other ministries directly build up faith (women's bible study)

Some ministries enable the building up of others (nursery)

Unity: reducing our song list to focus on specific things, learning the songs together so there is a cohesiveness in how they are played

Evangelism 2 Cor 5:18-20

Pray this scripture to prepare and orient ourselves

Can we model the culture we want to see in a microcosm?

Authenticity to be demonstrated

specific prayers for members connecting with non or former Christians

From Youth & Children's Workshop

Have young people opening on most ministries. . .

. . .Benefits: - mentorship
-discipleship
-intergenerational fellowship
-inclusion of youth early in their church life

Lots of personal input

New Possibilities

We need a glossary

How do you initiate something new?

Men's Ministry: can we expand the events we have?

Community concert
- art show?
- prayer?
- hospitality?

Newcomers' class: Get to know the church and our ministries

Amateur theatre group

Alpha? Seniors Group? Stampede Breakfast Open House Car or bike rally

. . .gathering socially to help build relationships and support. . .

rotating musicians, provide opportunity to play on different teams

More women's ministry activities (retreat too?)

Advertise! I want to know more about what's going on!

Ministry leads meeting

connecting with others, quarterly connection times with all teams

Ministry Fair (soon - Fall) with leaders in mentorship roles for youth and children

Evangelism

Night of worship, once a month with coffee and extending it to the community

Care of Creation - plan a life event - allow for conversations, even difficult ones - saturate the events in prayer, before, during & after

Young Adults

Coffee house with live music

Partner with other young adult groups at other churches

Ministry Night (safe space)
- practice in a group
-learn music / worship
- learn prayer ministry

Build on ministries already in place (i.e.: Good Food Box)

Progressive supper - youth / young adults travel for different courses of supper with different church members