



The Orlando Institute

Equipping Leaders to Disciple the Nations

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DS 230

Building Spiritual Leaders

This class is the fourth in a series of four. It cannot be taken out of sequence.

I. Objectives: By the completion of this class the student will be able to

1. describe the purpose and process of reaching neighborhoods and cities
2. teach the members of a group how to multiply the group
3. experience the relationship of evangelism, discipleship, small groups and reaching neighborhoods
4. understand a variety of approaches to reaching neighborhoods

II. Session - exploring steps of multiplication (class attendance - 20 pts.)

1. Responding to the Call to fulfill the Great Commission
2. Choose a target site/audience within the nation/city/MPTA to which God has called you
 - Spend time in prayer
 - Analyze the site for the readiness to respond to the gospel
 - Ask God to confirm your calling: spiritual, community
3. Start a prayer ministry
 - Regular times of prayer
 - Intercessors (regular and/or as needed)
 - Prayer warriors (go with you, to pray for you as you minister)
4. Choose a target audience
 - Who will be the first 100 to be reached (won to Christ)?
 - Evaluate the initial target audience (information; best means; responsiveness)
5. Penetrate the target audience with the gospel - Take the gospel to the people
 - Neighborhood Bible Studies
 - JESUS film showings
 - Mens and Womens groups
 - Strategy follows natural groupings and divine opportunities
 - Reach groups relationally whenever possible
6. Concentrate the follow-up and discipleship on those who respond
 - First follow-up in 24 hours
 - Train those who respond to discipleship and promote them (based on fruitfulness)
 - Build a core of 50 committed disciples, in 6-8 small groups
7. Plan to reach other target audiences using natural bridges
 - Personal bridges from your disciples
 - Natural group bridges from your initial group
 - Within one year begin sending disciples to other target areas

Tithe the workers (anyone in good standing called of God to move should feel sent)
Sending ceremony

8. Saturate the initial group/site
 - Pray for each one, share with each one
 - Concentrate follow-up and discipleship on those who respond
 - Train and promote (based on fruitfulness) those who respond to discipleship opportunities
9. Saturate the target area : Reach all the groups within the area
 - Expose every one
 - Significant number of disciples in each audience
 - Some being sent from each audience
10. Consolidating a movement
 - Take them to church with you
 - Plant a new church
 - Keep the vision in front of them
 - Celebrate successes
11. Marshall resources for continual saturation of the target area
 - Repeated prayer and exposure to those who are not yet Christian
 - Outreach to all new people
12. Become a catalyst for reaching other nations/cities/MPTAs
 - Maintain contact for those you have sent
 - Support locals from other nations reaching ethnic groups
13. Stabilize leadership and leadership training
 - Promote based on fruitfulness
 - Organized process of training; biblical, movement
 - Continual prayer for leaders
14. Stabilize the organization and funding
 - Personnel, placement, relationships are stable
 - Stable local and national outreaches
 - Budget raised ahead of time
 - Significant funding for other MPTAs and missions
15. Stay or go based on God's call

III. Textbook: read Swanson, Eric & Williams, Sam. (2010). *To Transform a City*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan. (for the Master's read one more book from the bibliography) and report to your class group. (10 pts.)
Also, watch the assigned PPTs.

IV. Scripture Memory

Matt. 10:11; Luke 10:1, 8; Acts 19:10; Titus 1:5. These will be tests in class in weeks two, four, six and eight. (10 pts.)

V. Paper: Prepare a paper outlining your plans to reach the target area you will work in beginning after the class ends, using the 15 steps in II above. (20 pts.)

VI. Log: Keep a report/log of the activities you engage in this semester which have to do with multiplication and reaching cities: books read, personal ministry, seminars attended, etc. Turn it in to the faculty to be reviewed during the last week of classes. (20 pts.)

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VIII. Checkout: on the web site. (20 pts)

By the end of the semester you should have:

- led at least one group through follow-up
- led at least one group into discipleship teaching
- helped two of your disciples share the gospel 10 times each
- helped one of your disciples start and lead a follow-up group
- prayed with other people weekly for your target area
- held one outreach event which has the potential to reach everyone in the initial target area
- planned and completed follow-up for the event