

Your Church Name

Organic Outreach® Infusion

First Shot of Espresso (Year 5, Shot 1)

Date of Meeting

Preparing for this meeting...

Reading:

o Organic Outreach for Families (Chapter 11) Connecting in Organic Ways

Prayer: Be in prayer that God would show you how to make valuable connections in the area where you live.

Personal Action: As you read the chapter, think about how you are already connecting with people who have not come to faith and how you could connect in a greater way. What additional activities or ways to connect with the community could you be involved in? How could you connect better with your neighbors? Come prepared to share at the meeting.

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Focus and Learning Theme: In this meeting, we will be talking about the connections we are making with lost people that are in our lives, in and around our neighborhoods, and around the community.

Opening Prayer:

 Pray that God would direct us to make strong and valuable connections in our neighborhoods and around the area where we live.

Accountability

One Minute to Share It (The One-Degree Rule) You will want to get in groups of two or three and use a one-minute timer in each group.

- What is your ministry outreach temperature right now?
- What step(s) will you take this month to raise it one degree?

Inspiration

 Have one person share a brief outreach story from their personal outreach or their area of ministry

Learning

Teaching Theme: God has placed us in the area where we live for a purpose. Whether we are there for a short period of time or for an entire lifetime, we should shine as a lighthouse and reach out to our neighbors in organic ways.

Discussion:

 What are some of the ways you've found to connect with your neighbors that live near to you?

Planning

Group Discussion and Collaboration

What step(s) can you take personally, through your family or even through your
 area of ministry to connect with the community in greater ways?

Closing Prayer: Pray together for...

 Each of us as well as the believers in our church to be shining the light of Jesus where we live and out into the community.

Preparation for next month's Shot of Espresso

Reading:

o Organic Outreach for Families (Chapter 8) The Home as a Place of Prayer

Prayer: Ask God to help you expand your prayer communication with Him. To pray for and with your family members. To teach those in your home the value of prayer; to be committed to praying for the people who live near you in your neighborhood.

Personal Action: Evaluate your current prayer life. Is it growing and a regular part of your spiritual walk? Is it growing and regular in your home? Evaluate your outreach focus to those who live near you. Are you in prayer for your neighbors on a regular basis, are there ways you can be expanding your relationships? Be ready to share at your upcoming meeting.