



Your Church Name
Organic Outreach Influence Team
Cluster Meeting (Year 7, Quarter 1)
Date of Meeting

Preparing for this meeting...

Reading:

- o *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People* (Chapter 10) The Work of the Holy Spirit
- o *Organic Outreach for Families* (Chapter 3) The Timing of the Spirit

Prayer: Ask God for the leading of the Holy Spirit and heavenly wisdom in knowing when and how to take the next step forward in your spiritual journey with a specific non-believer that you are walking with.

Personal Action: Take time this week to surrender your daily schedule and plans to the leading of the Spirit. Ask God to give you eyes to see and ears to hear. Ask for opportunity to interact with someone who is not of faith and that the interaction helps that person along in their spiritual journey.

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Focus and Learning Theme : In this cluster gathering we will focus on four keys to how we can discern the Holy Spirit's leading as we walk with people toward Jesus. The context of the reading is parents with children, but these four lessons apply to every relationship we have with non-believers.

Opening Prayer:

- o Pray for ears to hear the still small voice of the Holy Spirit as we walk with our family members and friends as we help them move toward Jesus.

Accountability Five Minutes to Share It (The One-Degree Rule)

The time for each person has been expanded to five minutes for this cluster meeting.

- o What was your personal outreach temperature over the past month?
- o Who is one person you are seeking to reach with the Gospel of Jesus and what is the next step to take with them or with personal outreach in general?

- What is your ministry outreach temperature?
- How has your **Ministry Action Plan** helped you influence Organic Outreach so far this year, and what is your next step for your area of ministry?

Inspiration

- Tell one outreach story from your personal outreach or ministry area.

Learning

Teaching Theme: *The Timing Of the Holy Spirit*

We are not wise enough to know when to take the next step forward on our spiritual journey with a friend or family member who is moving toward Jesus. But, there are lessons that will help us move with wisdom and a winsome spirit.

Discussion:

Your Outreach Influence Team Leader will walk you through the four key lessons and will open discussion about how these apply to your relationships.

- ***Listen to the Heart*** - We can't push people beyond where they are ready, we need to hear their heart and ask for the Spirit's leading as we seek to discern when people are ready for the next step.
- ***Invite, Don't Pressure*** - We are not responsible to pressure or push people. We need to naturally invite people to take the next step in learning, seeking, or committing to Jesus.
- ***Understand that "No" Is Not a Rejection*** - When we ask if a person is ready to accept Jesus or take a next step of learning our investigation, we need to never take offense if they say no. All this means is that they are not ready now. They are not rejecting us, but moving toward Jesus at a pace slower than we might want.
- ***Rejoice and Disciple*** - When a person decides to follow Jesus, we are not done, but just beginning. Now we can rejoice with them and begin talking about the new life they have in Jesus and how they can begin growing as His follower.

Discussion:

- What are ways we can listen and discern where a person is in their openness to taking a next step of faith? What are signals that a person is not ready and needs some time and space? What are signals that they are ready for the next step?

- Share a personal experience of when someone was ready or someone was not.
- Why is it important that we not pressure people and what are some potential consequences if we do push too hard?
- Have you ever been a part of or a witness to someone pushing too hard? What was the result?
- When a person makes a commitment to Jesus, what are some of the first steps of spiritual growth that we help them take?

Planning

Group Discussion and Collaboration

Give an update on your Ministry Action Plan and how it is working or how it may need to be revised.

What is coming up in your area of ministry in the next three to six months that is focused on outreach and how can the people in your cluster support you and pray for you?

Closing Prayer : Pray together for...

- The power of the Holy Spirit to be unleashed in our church and for wise and discerning hearts that are led by the Spirit as we reach out with the love of Jesus.
- Understanding that when people move slowly or even reject the invitations you extend for them to move toward Jesus, they are not rejecting you. Ask God to help you overcome discouragement and have excitement to keep moving forward.

Preparation for next month's Organic Outreach One-on-One Meeting:

Reading:

- *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People* (Chapter 8) Incarnational Living
- *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People* (Chapter 11) Spiritual Conversations

Prayer: Ask the Spirit of God to help you enter spiritual conversation more naturally and more often. Pray for sensitivity to the moments when people are open and longing to hear about the love, power, and grace of Jesus.

Personal Action: Review your Goals & Actions list from last quarter. Make notes on what has been accomplished and the impact that is having as well as what hasn't been accomplished, what has gotten in the way, and how barriers or roadblocks can be overcome.

Seek to initiate a spiritual conversation with someone in your life you have never talked to about your faith. You will be sharing about your experience as well as reviewing your **Ministry Action Plan** and how you are influencing Organic Outreach in your One-on-One meeting.