



Principles for Starting a Ministry

The objective of this assignment is to discover from the Scripture principles on generating a ministry in a specific area where God places you.

Principle 1. Start Intentionally.

a. Prayer

1. What observations can you make regarding prayer as it relates to recruiting a ministry from the following verses? Colossians 4:2-4; Isaiah 62:6-7; John 15:7-8, 16

b. Association

2. What specific things should you be sensitive to in going in to a new place with new people in light of 1 Corinthians 9:22-23?

c. Sphere of Influence

3. What might these verses indicate as to where you will do the ministry? 2 Corinthians 10:13-18; John 12:26

Principle 2 Sow Broadly

4. What would these verses indicate about the way to generate a fruitful ministry? Psalm 126:5-6; Ecclesiastes 11:6; Luke 8:11-15; 2 Timothy 2:6

5. What are some methods which you can use to accomplish the ideas in question number 4?

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Study #2



The objective of this assignment is to briefly consider from the Scripture principles of developing the initial contacts which you have made.

Principle 3 Spend Time Individually

1. What process did Christ go through in order to invade our world from Philippians 2:5-8?

What implications would this have for our ministry?

Principle 4 Serve Specifically

2. What was Christ's attitude as He first came to begin His ministry from Mark 10:45?

What does this imply to you in very practical ways as you begin your ministry?

3. In 1 Thessalonians 1:5 and 2 Corinthians 4:5 what parallel can you see between Paul and Christ in the previous two verses in questions 1 and 2?

4. As you briefly consider the ministries of Christ and Paul what practical things can you remember that they did to initiate relationships?

5. In considering who to develop these kind of relationships with why would you not want to pursue ministry relationships with people as characterized in Ezekial 34:16; James 4:4; and 2 Corinthians 7:10?



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Principle 4 Serve Specifically

1. What did Paul see as the goal or result of being a slave of men 1 Corinthians 9:19?

What is the result of serving in 1 Kings 12:7?

Principle 5 Select Responsively

2. If Jesus came to be a servant why perhaps did He not commit Himself to those in John 2:23-24?

3. Why do you feel the command in 2 Timothy 2:2 is important?

What are the qualifications of those to whom Timothy is to minister? Why?

4. Why do you think Paul had asked Timothy to go with him? Acts 16:1-3

What things might you look for in someone you wanted to invest in?

5. After covering the material on principles of starting a ministry write a brief statement of meaning for each of these principles.

a. Start Intentionally:

b. Sow Broadly:

c. Spend Time Relationally:

d. Serve Specifically:

e. Select Responsively:

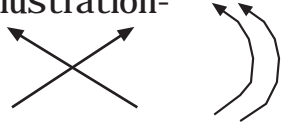


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Principle 3 Spend Time Relationally

1. Goal: To take a bold step into their world without sinning, not to condemn, but to save. 1 Thessalonians 1:5; Philippians 2:5-10. The objective is friendships.

2. Method: Illustration-



3. Selection: The lost, Christians who recognize the need (they do not have to recognize that you can meet it). Ezekial 34:16 Shepherds who should be feeding the sheep - Judgment. Tendency is to fill up our Bible Studys with:

- a. Contented worldly Christians. Cafeteria style James 4:4
- b. Problem centered Christians who are unwilling to allow God to change their life, but desirous of being comforted 2 Corinthians 7:10. You can love these people and help them to an extent, but should not take the majority of time. Spend extra time even this early with non-Christian friends.

4. Category: Love —> Help

5. Time: Approximately after the second week of Phase 2 for two weeks intense, then low gear the rest of the semester.

6. Manner: Persistent friendship.

7. Suggestions: Instead of making new contacts continually, begin to use all of your spare time to develop some relationships. This is the beginning of one to one. However, it is relational more than content—for example: sporting events, dinners, points of common interest, just spending time on their halls and in their rooms watching TV, talking about their interests, listening to their complaints. Now make your new contacts through the old ones. Meet their friends and their friend's friends (friendships are powerful forces), In addition look for:

- Hometown groups
- Intramural groups
- Floor groups and roommates
- Flows of communication or of people
- Camp out in these places
- Get to be well known
- Be a friend in any and every way
- Perhaps God will let you influence an influencer as in John 4.