



5 Keys of LEADING A SPIRITUAL MOVEMENT

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Key 1: PREPARATION

Big Idea: Spiritual Movements happen through people who are Spiritually Prepared.

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How do we get Spiritually Prepared?

Commit to live with **no unconfessed sin** in your life and **walk in the Spirit**. *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9 NIV.*

As the Holy Spirit reveals sin in your life, confess it immediately. Do not rationalize it, tolerate it, or explain it away. Sin in your life, breaks your fellowship with God and unplugs you from his power.

Getting spiritually prepared involves several key steps. One important aspect is making a commitment to live with no unconfessed sin in your life and to walk in the Spirit. This means being aware of any sinful behaviors or attitudes and confessing them to God. As 1 John 1:9 in the Bible states, if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us and purify us from unrighteousness. It's crucial to be open to the Holy Spirit's guidance and conviction. As the Holy Spirit reveals sin in your life, it's important to acknowledge it immediately without rationalizing, tolerating, or explaining it away. Sin can hinder your fellowship with God and disconnect you from His power.

By committing to a lifestyle of spiritual awareness, confession, and repentance, you can cultivate a deeper connection with God and be spiritually prepared to engage in spiritual movements. It's an ongoing, moment by moment, process that requires humility, self-reflection, and a sincere desire to grow closer to God.

Q1. How can we prepare ourselves spiritually?

Q2. How can we develop a deeper connection with God to engage in spiritual movements?

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A Spiritual Movement cannot be accomplished in the flesh, only in the Spirit.

Practice Spiritual Breathing.

EXHALE the impurities in your life by confession.

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” 1 John 1:9

INHALE the fullness of God’s Spirit by faith, in obedience to God’s command.

“Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. (Excessive indulgence in sensual pleasures) instead, be filled with the Spirit,” Ephesians 5:18 NIV

As you walk in the Spirit you will be prepared to lead a Spiritual Movement of Disciple Making in your home, community, village, city, region, country, nation and to the ends of the earth. The will of God can only be accomplished in the power of God.

Be PREPARED...

Confessing our impurities and seeking forgiveness, as mentioned in 1 John 1:9, allows us to exhale and let go of the things that hinder our spiritual growth. On the other hand, inhaling the fullness of God's Spirit through faith and obedience, as highlighted in Ephesians 5:18, enables us to be filled with His power and guidance.

By walking in the Spirit, we become prepared to lead a spiritual movement of disciple making, not just within our immediate surroundings but also extending to every corner of the world. It's a call to become spiritual multipliers who glorify God and work towards fulfilling the Great Commission.

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Q3. How can we prepare ourselves to lead a Spiritual Movement of Disciple Making?

Q4. How can we help fulfill the Great Commission with a Spiritual movement of God?

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Key 2: PENETRATION

Big idea: Reach and gather potential Leadership

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In reaching and equipping potential leaders with whom to build a movement, it's important to ask ourselves a few key questions. For example, how do we identify the most likely potential leaders? What specific qualities are we looking for in a leader? Selecting a disciple is crucial, so where should we start looking for someone to disciple?

The answer to each of these questions lies in finding a F.A.T. Disciple – someone who is Faithful, Available, and Teachable. Consider the people within your sphere of influence and ask yourself: Who among them is the most responsive and exhibits Faithfulness, Availability, and Teachability, in regard to your ministry of Natural Discipleship?

As the Apostle Paul taught his disciple Timothy “The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” 2 Timothy 2:2 NASB , we are encouraged to entrust the teachings to faithful individuals who will then be able to teach others.

So, an important question to ask is: What does it mean for someone to be a Faithful disciple? Among the people you've encountered, who can you identify as the most faithful and dependable, someone who is responsive to your Natural Discipleship ministry?

Another key question is who is an Available disciple. Among the individuals you're ministering with, who is most willing to devote their time and actively desires a personal multiplication ministry? Remember, being available means being able to prioritize your time every time you meet.

Finally, a Teachable disciple is essential. Which individuals are readily open to learning and personal growth? Look for someone who approaches discipleship with humility, listens attentively, and gives you their undivided attention. A proud person who knows everything will never be an affective multiplying disciple.

It's essential that all three qualities - Faithfulness, Availability, and Teachability - are present in the potential disciple's life. By asking these questions and identifying those who possess these qualities, you can effectively reach and equip potential leaders to build a movement.

Q1. What qualities should we look for in potential leaders when building a movement and equipping them?

Q2. How can we identify individuals who are Faithful, Available, and Teachable?

Q3. Furthermore, where should we start searching for someone to disciple and nurture?"

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What If the person you are considering to disciple is Faithful and Available but is not Teachable?

You should immediately recognize they would not be a suitable candidate to be your next disciple. Early on in my disciple-making ministry, I held a breakfast meeting with a group of ten disciples. During my discipleship training, I dedicated a minimum of fifty hours to each individual. However, out of the ten, only four were able to identify their own disciples, four had no disciples, and two were just beginning.

This led to the realization that the number of people you disciple is not as important as how well you disciple them. To achieve this, it is vital to utilize a clear and transferable process, such as Natural Discipleship, coupled with loving accountability at each step. By maintaining high standards and only selecting disciples who exhibit Faithfulness, Availability, and Teachability, you increase the likelihood of reproducing disciples who possess similar qualities.

It's crucial not to settle for anything less, as this is what will be reproduced. Instead, keeping it simple, start with one F.A.T. Disciple who embodies those qualities. Additionally, always remember that the will of God can only be accomplished through His power. By identifying Faithful, Available, and Teachable disciples for your Leadership Team, you can effectively penetrate your field of ministry.

Q4. Why is it important to recognize that a person who is faithful and available but not teachable would not be a suitable candidate to be your next disciple?

Q5. What lesson did the author learn from his breakfast meetings with his ten disciples?

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Key 3: CONCENTRATION

Big Idea: Concentrate on quality as you build your Leadership Team of multiplying disciples.

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Two questions we will expand on in this Key. The first question is, why is it important to invest time in qualifying the right person before building a leadership team of multiplying Disciples? And why must the Visionary Leader set a high bar in establishing quality in the team with building a spiritual movement?

To establish a powerful and sustained Movement of Discipleship Making, it is essential for the Visionary Leader to set the bar high and establish quality building standards. While Jesus provides the foundation, it is crucial that what is built upon that foundation is of high quality to support and sustain a growing Movement.

In other words, investing time in selecting the right people for the leadership team and setting a high bar of quality ensures that the spiritual movement is built on a strong foundation. The leader's commitment to excellence fosters discipline, credibility, and trust both within the team and among the disciples, resulting in a powerful and sustained movement of discipleship making. Your disciples will reproduce what you do and what you teach them.

Q1. Why should one invest time in qualifying the right person before building a leadership team of multiplying disciples?

Q2. Why is it necessary for the visionary leader to set a high bar in establishing quality within the team when building a spiritual movement?

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This idea of concentrating on building a team on quality is reflected in the passage from 1 Corinthians 3:10-15,

“By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with

fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.” 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 NIV

This passage emphasizes building on the foundation of Jesus Christ with care and using quality materials. The quality of each person's work will be tested and rewarded accordingly.

Despite the importance of quality, it's crucial not to get caught up in the pressure of performance. Ultimately, the will of God can only be accomplished in the power of God. Humble Disciple Makers who recognize their dependence on the power of the Holy Spirit are the ones through whom the power of God flows.

Therefore, concentrate on following Jesus, knowing that His divine power has given everything needed for a Godly life through our knowledge of Him (2 Peter 1:3).

Q3. How can we ensure that we build on the foundation of Jesus Christ with care and use quality materials?

Q4. How can being humble and recognizing our dependence on the power of the Holy Spirit contribute to accomplishing the will of God?

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Key 4: SATURATION

Big Idea: In order to Saturate the target area with God's love, expand your leadership Team and delegate additional movement responsibilities.

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What does the term 'target area' mean? Each disciple's target area is determined by how God is guiding their personal discipleship ministry. Acts 1:8 informs us that our target area includes our local community (Jerusalem), our region (Judea), other cultures and ethnicities (Samaria), and even the farthest corners of the world. We can establish our discipleship leadership team within our community by organizing in-person gatherings, as well as employing online technology to reach people from all around the globe.

In order to efficiently spread God's love in the target area and grow your leadership team, it is important to assign additional responsibilities to others. As you guide and mentor disciples, you will inevitably come across individuals who respond exceptionally well to your leadership. Make sure to give these individuals extra attention and encourage open communication to support their growth and ultimately expand your leadership team.

However, it is important to remember that even Jesus had only 12 disciples in his inner circle. Every member of your team is a valuable opportunity to expand the movement through their leadership skills in their respective target areas. Hence, your main goal should be to assist and empower each leader to achieve success in developing and multiplying their own team. By adopting this approach, the movement will continue to grow and thrive.

Q1. How can delegating additional movement responsibilities be effective in the expansion of your leadership team?

Q1A. And how can it help the saturation of the target area with God's love?

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To effectively saturate the target area with God's love and expand your leadership team, It will entail implementing regular communication, ongoing Team Building training, as well as providing prayerful and financial support whenever possible.

It's crucial to approach these actions within the framework of a loving, growing relationship as you move forward. By focusing on the expansion of the movement, you serve as a model for your disciples, showing them the path to growth and helping them maintain manageable ministries and efforts.

The ultimate measure of success for them will not be the number of people they disciple, but rather how effectively they disciple a few. This multiplying secret, practiced by individuals and their teams, mirrors the strategy Jesus employed to 'turn the world upside down.' Essentially, you will be entrusting the

expansion of the ministry God has given you to multiplying leaders, allowing for the saturation of the area to which you are called.

Therefore, the goal is to SATURATE your target area with God's Love through the multiplication of leaders."

"For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, 'Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.'" Hebrews 6:13-14 NKJV

Q2. How can the expansion of a leadership team and effective communication contribute to saturating a target area with God's love?

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Key 5: CONTINUATION

Big Idea: Continue to support your Leadership Team in building their Movement. Emphasize sending and expanding to new target areas such as the 10/40 window.

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Having trusted God to lead you to a Faithful, Available, Teachable Leadership Team, now is the time to CONTINUE the movement through those Leaders.

We need to continue to surge into the darkness! May God give us the necessary urgency and passion. *"I will sing of you among the peoples."* — Psalm 57:9

Look to continue to advance Gods kingdom that Satan has controlled since the beginning of time. Most of the people groups unreached by the gospel live within a rectangular area stretching across northern Africa and into southern Asia. Christian mission's strategist Luis Bush started calling this rectangular area or band" the 10/40 window." He used that easy-to-remember name because it covers Africa and Asia from 10 degrees latitude north of the equator to 40 degrees latitude north of the equator

Of the 55 least evangelized countries, 97% of their population lives within the 10/40 Window. Unless something changes, huge numbers of these unreached people groups will go out into eternity never having heard the Gospel. Two-thirds of the world's population -- more than 4.4 billion people -- live in the 10/40 Window. Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism are centered within the 10/40 Window

Our team of leaders can be a part of a continued movement of God in these regions.

Q1. What is the significance of the 10/40 Window in terms of reaching unreached people groups with the Gospel?

Q2. What are some strategies to support and expand your Leadership Team's movement in the target areas, particularly within the 10/40 Window?

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Please consider and take action on steps you can take to enhance the quality of each aspect of the movement. Reflect on why it is important for all five Keys of the movement to be fully operational as we progress.

During the final phase, when all other movement keys are fully operational, and the main goal is to ensure a continuous and consistent progress forward, the predominant factor that will manifest is your unwavering dedication to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission, in your personal discipleship ministry.

Never give up, never retreat, and continue advancing by cultivating one disciple at a time. Never allow Satan to defeat you, surround yourself with a team that shares the same mindset. A movement of God is a result of obedience! God has called each of us to be His disciples.

A movement of God is built in Love, *"As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue in my love."* John 15:9 KJV.

Continue to love and encourage one another every day. *"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."* Hebrews 10:24-25

Q3. How can we enhance the quality of each aspect of the movement?

Q4. Why is it important for all five Keys of the movement to be fully operational as we progress?

Q5. Why should we never give up and continue building our Leadership Team?

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