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PRINCIPLE CHARACTERISTIC of CPM – when someone hears something from God, from His Word, etc. THEY SHARE IT!!!

**S**ay (God says it)

**O**bey (I obey it)

**T**ell (I tell someone else) (both for accountability & for multiplication)

God doesn’t just speak to us to make us smarter – He speaks to us in expectation that we would be changed

CPM Characteristic: RADICAL OBEDIENCE

IN EVERY CHURCH PLANTING MOVEMENT

1. Extraordinary Prayer
   1. Christians pray specifically, by name, for the salvation of non-believers in their circle
      1. Esp. in their own private QT – corporate as well, but emphasize personal
      2. Agonizing in prayer, not just general
   2. Christians pray for non-Christians for needs other than salvation as well (“be your neighborhood’s pastor”)
   3. Non-Christians know that Christians are praying for them
   4. WHAT HAPPENS?
      1. Better r/t
      2. Model r/t with God
      3. People believe there is a God
      4. People know they can go to X for help
   5. There are things we will pray for that will be answered and others that won’t be answered
2. Abundant Evangelism
   1. “HOW MANY OF **MY** PEOPLE WILL HEAR THE GOSPEL TODAY?”
      1. take responsibility!
      2. Probably there will not be more people saved in comparison with the number that hear the gospel!
      3. In Acts: The Lord added daily to the number that were being saved 🡪 holds that people were hearing the gospel
   2. Sow abundantly, reap abundantly
   3. It’s not so important which method you are giving so much as how many people are hearing…
      1. I decided to know nothing among you except Christ and Him crucified …
      2. We can share a lot of good things without actually getting to the gospel
      3. MAKE SURE YOU ARE SHARING THE GOSPEL!
      4. You haven’t made a sales presentation until you’ve asked them to buy
      5. M2E – Mouth To Ear
   4. Ordinary believers share with one another what happened when they were witnessing with people. The body rejoices with one another. TESTIMONIES!!! NEJ
   5. “The Father’s Will” – that every member of your family and close friends become Christians. Many years ago … Noah … most people ignored him, but he saved his family. Then there was Lot … most people ignored him, but most of family was saved… (maybe he wasn’t such a good witness to his wife?) Rahab saved 2 Israelites … they offered to save her… and she insisted that her family be saved and they were saved. Much later Cornelius was saved and he gathered his family and close friends so they could hear how to be saved. Later Lydia, seller of purple cloth, brought whole family. Afterward a jailor had Paul in his prison – he came to Christ and brought his entire family. Man with evil spirit was saved and wanted to follow Jesus but Jesus sent him home to tell his family. This is God’s will for you – to tell your friends & family.
      1. This is part of the integral new-believer-follow-up program
      2. You don’t tell everything you know about each of these Bible characters – you give them a quick overview emphasizing responsibility
3. **Intentional** Planting of Reproducing Churches
   1. People generally end up doing what they intentionally try to do. If they are trying to disciple they will disciple. If they are doing small groups they will make small groups.l But if they are trying to plant churches they will plant churches.
   2. You will probably delegate the things that are not part of your central intention. You will work harder at the things that are your central purpose.
   3. If you have reproduction as your central purpose then raising up leaders will be central, quick, and on purpose. If you want them to be a body then you will practice “body stuff” right from the beginning. If you are planting a church then you do “church things.”
   4. Almost any ministry can have a reproducing church happen as a result. But most success will come when what you are intentional about doing is the reproducing CP.
   5. What you mean to do is SO IMPORTANT. That’s how you will prioritize your life.
   6. When you have a “person of peace” don’t take them to an existing church – use them to start a NEW church!!! (If it’s an already networked person to the existing church then bring ‘em in – it would be unnatural otherwise. But if they are a new standalone person then take that as an indication from God that He may be wanting to start a new church.)
4. The Authority of God’s Word
   1. People look go Bible as their authority rather than to a person.
   2. The opposite is that a person has a question and they go to their pastor to get the answers to their questions. No in-between authority – go straight to the source!
      1. TESTIMONY FROM LEON ZIMMERMAN: Using manuscript study – discussion and just presenting questions rather than preaching. It turned the church around. It got people involved, taking part, engaged, and giving input where they were previously spectators.
   3. Ordinary believers know and believe that God speaks to them. And often what they say is far more profound and meaningful than what we get from books written by white guys that died 300 years ago…
   4. And if somebody does go to an “authority” he MUST model Scriptural authority. DON’T ANSWER THE QUESTION FROM YOUR OWN AUTHORITY! Take them back to the Bible.
   5. This allows God to bring the message that HE has for them, not just our favorite little teaching that we soapbox on all the time.
   6. ILLUST: Nate Saint & wife/child went back as missionary. After 30 years the missies were still the authority and there had been no reproduction, no leaders raised up, etc. Great sacrifice, but Bible was “emasculated”…
   7. The job of the experienced believer is to be “a walking concordance.” We need to know where to find the solutions to the problems that are experienced… You aren’t telling them what to do but just showing them where to go and letting the Spirit work through them as they interact with the Scriptures
5. Local Leadership
   1. Anticipate the local leader, look for it, be prepared to equip, etc.
      1. **M**odel
         1. Don’t just tell them – model what they are supposed to do! (evangelism, discipleship, etc.)
         2. Follow me as I follow Christ…
      2. **A**ssist
         1. Not doing it FOR them, but assisting him/her as HE/SHE does it
      3. **W**atch
         1. Have a lot of planned absences in which you have people do things without you being there watching over their shoulder
            1. If the leader/missy is still there then (a) they won’t do it and (b) if they do do it then they won’t do it in the way that they would if you weren’t there [Heisenberg’s uncertainty principle]
      4. **L**eave (this is NOT the same as “abandon”)
         1. PRAY
         2. WRITE LETTERS / COMMUNICATE
         3. SEND CO-WORKERS
         4. VISIT
         5. WARNED
         6. i.e., GO WITH AN EXIT STRATEGY
            1. every time Paul got to a new place he was aware of the fact that he was going to leave. He may not have known how long it would be, but he knew it was going to happen.
      5. Qualifications
         1. Obedience
            1. If you know 100 things and are obedient to 10 of them …
            2. If you know 10 things and are radically obedient to 8 of them …
            3. **The latter is FAR more mature than the former!!!**
         2. This is in contrast to the usual model where the most educated person is the one who is most qualified to lead…
      6. You aren’t a success unless the person who comes after you succeeds
      7. Look for people who are dissatisfied not with leadership or etc but for people who are dissatisfied with the *status quo* (thinking how to identify those who can become leaders of reproducing churches)
      8. One idea is to intentionally be involved in MULTIPLE CPs so that they can see that someone can be involved in work and do the CP on the side – leads to bivocational ministry…
6. Lay Leadership
   1. The first generation church is always led by lay leadership. They continue in the work they had. It is their natural oikos that becomes part of the new church.
      1. The world is full of people that can lead 15-20 people – nobody is going beyond what their capabilities are
      2. God has only created a few people that can lead hundreds and thousands
   2. The simpler you can keep church, the larger is the group that can potentially lead it. The more complicated it is the smaller is the pool of potential leaders.
   3. It is assumed that there is some way of providing continuing education, ongoing equipping
      1. The more effective training is little bites frequently
      2. The least effective training is great big bites every once in a while
      3. BEST: one-day training (you don’t forget the first day…)
      4. What does it look like (Tues evening for 3 hours)
         1. Approximately first 3rd is hearing from the class how it went this last week – debriefing last week’s ministry experiences
         2. Middle 3rd is a ministry topic that is taught (often from the crisis or problems introduced in the 1st 3rd)
         3. Last 3rd is restating what was just taught
7. House Churches
   1. Meet wherever you can
   2. Money/resources are NOT going into a building
   3. Doesn’t matter so much if it is actually a house or not
   4. How do you describe it
      1. Interaction around the Word
      2. Prayer
      3. Food/coffee
      4. Reliance on the HS
      5. Ministry in community
      6. Evangelism
      7. Singing
      8. Ministry to one antoher
      9. Baptism
      10. Communion (include confession to one another)
          1. KEY to maintaining and restoring relationships
      11. Discipline
      12. Equipping
      13. Including others
      14. Sharing/giving
   5. Criteria
      1. You know your church (self-awareness – we are a church) 168 hours a week.
      2. Jesus is the head, we are the body … go with the body analogy
      3. Organization, leadership, etc. is probably all going to be much more fluid than what we are used to and what we were taught in seminary
8. Churches Planting Churches
   1. This is different from a missionary being sent as a paid worker
   2. Most often (?) they will go back to their own people, relatives, hometown, etc.
      1. “We have equipped you AS YOU NATURALLY GO… to evangelize, etc, plant church”
      2. As they live life – a lifestyle…
      3. Vision, equipping, etc.
      4. Finances are NOT a factor…
      5. Does the leadership have the vision that wherever our people go they must be prepared and equipped to plant a new church through them?
      6. It’s GOT to be simple or it can’t be done…
      7. Church simpler, discipleship better
   3. “Lord, who is the person in my church that I should be equipping to start a daughter church?!”
   4. Must build COMPETENCE and CONFIDENCE
   5. In many churches God has already placed the potential people to plant the daughter churches. Often we don’t look for them. If we find them we don’t equip them and if we equip them we usually don’t give them the confidence needed…
   6. PART OF THE DNA OF THE CHURCH:
      1. LOOK FOR LEADERS
      2. EQUIP
      3. GIVE CONFIDENCE
   7. SUMMARY: Churches planting churches should recognize as many leaders as possible and give them the training/equipping/confidence to plant (something about vision too)
9. Rapid Reproduction
   1. Norm is about a year within CPM
   2. Geometric sequence stuff (note you can have many streams)
   3. WILLING to give up our BEST to reproduce again…
   4. Am I constantly looking where the gospel needs to be and what can our church be doing about it – constantly looking at “lostness”
   5. Often God uses reproducing churches to send the gospel to points of greatest lostness
      1. If you’re not looking then you say stuff like, “we’ve got a whole lot of lost people right here in our own town…”
   6. The goal is not a particular size – it is to saturate with the gospel. See within your context to see what works and what doesn’t. But keep it small enough so that normal lay leaders can lead it.
10. Healthy Churches
    1. Warren:
       1. Worship
       2. Discipleship
       3. Ministry / Serving
       4. Evangelism
       5. Fellowship

IN MOST CHURCH PLANTING MOVEMENTS

1. A Climate of Uncertainty
   1. Goes without saying…
   2. God does use crisis to make people open to the gospel
2. Persons of Peace
   1. Luke 10 – Jesus sent out 72 with instructions
      1. Pray that God will send laborers from that harvest field
         1. Note the context of this prayer – they weren’t praying for converts but rather than to get laborers from the harvest field
         2. GOTTA THINK ABOUT THIS POINT…
      2. Go!
      3. You’re lambs around wolves – better stay close to shepherd (implication)
      4. Leave your purse, bag, sandals
      5. Don’t greet anyone on the road
      6. Look for person of peace
         1. Talk about kingdom of God & ask who needs ministry (prayer, healing, etc.)
         2. Note reaction – acceptance or rejection
         3. Do not move from house to house
            1. WHY? Want to start church through this person of peace, want that person to take responsibility for their oikos
         4. DON’T TAKE THEM BACK TO YOUR CHURCH! USE THEM TO START SOMETHING NEW!
3. A High Cost for Following Christ
   1. Most of the time there is persecution as a result of following Christ
   2. Persecution leads to boldness
   3. If we AVOID persecution (don’t tell others, keep it secret, etc.) we may well avoid multiplication
4. Bold, Fearless Faith
   1. Others will be bold when they see us being bold
   2. Do the people I’m spiritually responsible for see boldness in me?
   3. There have to be areas that THEY will interpret as boldness…
5. Family-Based Conversion Patterns
   1. Even before they have believed we are looking to their friends & family – who can we pull together as connected to this person?
   2. Someone asks you about Gospel – answer, “well, maybe if you can bring together some friends or your family maybe we could do something…”
6. Rapid Training of New Believers
   1. Before you go to bed tonight, with whom are you going to share this
   2. Begins just as soon as they have prayed – maybe even before…
7. Worship in the Heart Language
8. Divine Signs & Wonders
   1. Actually this was in “every” occasion, but it’s in this list because Southern Baptists did the research
   2. Are you encouraging your believers to responsibly access the power of God
      1. Pray in faith
      2. Expect things from God
   3. God delights in showing non-Christians how much He loves them
      1. One of the ways he does is by healing, resolving situations, etc.
      2. We frustrate it by not training our new believers in how to call on God
   4. Often people who struggle to pray in faith will pray in advance asking God how He wants them to pray…
9. On the Job Leadership Training
   1. You don’t train potential ministers – train those that are doing the work ONLY
10. Missionaries Suffered
    1. Expect it, for you, for your kids, for your family – Satan doesn’t like it and he will attack