Say 🡪 Obey 🡪 Tell

Can’t we get the culture in our church to a point where we do this? Where we are talking about what God has shown us?

What has God said? What do I need to obey? Whom do I need to tell?

It’s easier for brand new lay Christians to do this than for theologically trained Christians to do…

-keep it REAL!

Don’t let it become application for someone else (deflection)

The groups can be as large as 20-22 if everybody is responsible to keep the group dynamics effective and moving and the leader is trained

Everything to do with CPM requires a high level of commitment at all levels – leadership, lay, etc. It’s easier to find this level of commitment among those who are poor, lower strati of society, etc.

* In materialistic societies this is very difficult to find – people won’t move to this level of commitment (!!!)
* Is it better to work among villagers, poor, young people, etc?
* THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT BARRIER TO CPM IN ALBANIA
* How do you increase commitment? People rise to the level they see their leadership model. (!!!)
* What about the materialistic model we are giving as missionaries
  + One way to get around this is to work on a single CP for only a certain number of hours each week – demonstrate that it can be done on a part-time basis by a lay person
  + Don’t use/flaunt all the financial resources you have available to you…
* If your church as 20-30 people IT IS NOT A FULL TIME JOB!

ALB COMMENT: Churches can’t support their own rent, far less their own pastor. Sending someone to a small city or village – there’s no way they will find a job.

FOUR FIELDS:

1. Empty
2. Seeded
3. Discipleship
4. Harvesting (go back to #1)

For #1 there is a question: How do I enter?

For #2 there is a question: What do I say?

For #3 there is a question: How do I make disciples?

For #4 there is a question: How do I form the church?

Healthy churches send out leaders …

ENTRY STRATEGY

Note story of Acts 10 (Peter & Cornelius) – what do you think Peter taught them over the next couple of days? This is potentially a single-shot teaching opportunity – you’re going to teach the entire household everything they need to know.

CHRONOLOGY:

1. God prepared the hearts of the non-believers
   1. I’m not trying so hard to persuade so much as searching for those already prepared
   2. This means there’s a lot less pressure – in my methods and on me
   3. Has to be front-heavy with prayer (!!!)
   4. I’ve got to be sensitive to what God is doing
   5. You don’t need nearly the preparation & education – they’re already prep’d by God!
   6. Almost never does someone respond the first time they hear the Gospel – but you don’t know when/where they may have heard before…

Luke 10 – DO and DO NOT

DO:

1. Go 2 by 2
2. Pray
3. Go
4. Give peace greeting
5. Stay in that house if accepted
6. Eat what is set before you
7. Heal the sick
8. Tell them the kingdom of God is near
9. Wipe the dust off & leave

DO NOT:

1. Don’t take $$$
2. Don’t stop to greet on the road
3. Don’t take sandals
4. Don’t go house-to-house

What was Jesus’ goal in this? *Preparing people/places for His arrival. Training exercise.*

🡪uncover person of peace and start small churches

What’s a brief outline of what needs to be taught? (What did Peter teach Cornelius?)

* How to go to the Word themselves – maybe the 6 questions or something similar (or SOT)
* Prayer
* Communion & Confession
* Baptism
* Intentionally headed towards reproducing church – let them know… (THE FATHER’S WILL)
* Meeting together, community
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* Overview of the Bible (creation, fall, Abraham saved by faith, Moses & sacrificial system, Jesus, death, resurrection, )
* Who is Jesus, what he’s done, how does God communicate with us, encourage to ask God to be filled with HS, encourage to live sanctified life in community
* Start with some r/t building, pray for them

ID Person of Peace

* Hospitality
* Interest
* Influence in Community
* Usually an adult
* Probably God has already communicated in some way (dream, etc.)

FIELD #2 – SEEDED FIELD – WHAT DO I SAY?

* Discussion of the Woman at the Well
* It is exciting to talk about something NEW but not to talk about something has-been. If we don’t have something that JUST happened then probably there’s nothing to tell… What is God doing for me TODAY so I can tell people?
* Constnatly be prepared to tell non-believers something recent, something relevant, something God has done (1 Peter 3:15)

Those forgiven much love much – these will be our greatest evangelists

Super-Spreader concept… (illust from SARS disease in China – how it spread from China to Hong Kong)

* That businessman brought death to Hong Kong. We are looking for super-spreaders who will bring life to their neighborhood. Not just first generation, but multiple generations.
* Trace Peter’s preaching to Barnabas to discipling Paul to discipling Timothy to discipline Epaphras to discipling Archippus to Nympha – 7 generations
* If I train 20, ~15 of them will share their faith. Of those, 3-5 who are effective and continue. 1-2 may be a superspreader.
* My goal is to find super-spreader but the only way to do it is to train them ALL in personal evangelism. Then see who is faithful and obedient and fervent and enthusiastic. You simply can’t tell in advance.
* Sow the seed to everyone. But probably the new believers will be most likely to be the super-spreaders.

SHARING TESTIMONY:

* What was I like before I became a Christian
* How did I come to know the Lord
* What is something going on in my life today with God

Normally that testimony needs to be practiced over and over again when people are being trained to share their faith.

In the world of airline safety it is not what you expect of your mechanics but what you inspect and verify AFTER the repair.

People do not live up to expectations – they live up to inspections. However you get people to share a testimony you’ve got to figure out some way of holding them accountability. “I didn’t want to share my testimony but because I knew someone was going to ask me …”

A training for THE FOUR FIELDS along with practicing each of the elements takes about 3 days