

Focus 2020: Being a Fruitful Fellowship

Our Objectives.

- To get an overview of the _____ that we are aiming to _____ in the LFF. *“Winning, training and sending.”*
- To recognize that the we need the _____ of God to empower the _____ of God if we are to obey the _____ of God.

_____ churches led by _____ pastors are required for true fruit bearing ministries.

1. Evangelism.

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful,**

Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists;

- If we're going to be fruitful disciple makers, we must win souls.
- Evangelism must be an _____ and a _____ focus.

In the LFF we want to support churches in keeping their evangelistic _____.

John 15:7-8 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.⁸ Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Prayer

Confrontational evangelism

Tracts

Strategic initiatives. Example - Friends of Internationals (FOI)

Events

Relationships

Open bibles. Example – Creation to Christ Bible studies.

1 Corinthians 9:22b I am made all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some.

- The highest levels of leadership should _____ and _____ evangelism.

2. Discipleship

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and **multiply,**

Ephesians 4:11-16 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;¹² For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:¹³ Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:¹⁴ That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:¹⁶ From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

- Prospective disciples must _____. **Luke 14:25-35**

"Taking up your cross" is the beginning

- Continually envisioning people to be surrendered and purposed as a disciple.
- **Objective: Establishing the 4 Goals of Discipleship.**
That's not just an academic pursuit, but also a WAY OF LIFE.

- Relational Dynamic (father/son): not an exchange of information or program of knowledge.

1 Corinthians 4:15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *have ye* not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

Transfer of _____ is prioritized over a transfer of _____ only.

1 Corinthians 8:1b ...Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

James 2:19b ...the devils also believe, and tremble.

What we in the LFF have is precious. That shouldn't make us despise everyone else.

It should make us desperate for people to have the same truths that have blessed us.

Our discipleship exchange is not _____, it's _____.

Discipleship moves us beyond our life in this world and into a mission worth sacrificing everything for.

- The highest levels of leadership must _____ and _____ discipleship.

3. Training

- **Clarifying:** A clear path of growth (mechanisms for investment) provides _____.

Example: COD, D1, D2 & LFBI

Think thru the growth track in your church – make it easy and plain.

Habakkuk 2:2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

- **Apprenticing:** Mentorship aspect of discipleship philosophy
Apprenticeship eases ministers into the responsibilities of learning how to disciple others.
- **Teaming:** Pastors _____ their leadership: modeling for discipleship, relenting control and allowing others opportunities to grow. Participation is part of the training.

In order for the ministry to _____, it must be _____.

This requires pastors to get _____!

Micro managers fail to effectively reproduce.

- Every member of the church is involved in training within their ministry responsibilities so that they are sharing their ministry with future generations of ministers. **Eph 4:11-16**
- This _____ the sanctification process to _____ more able ministers.
God gives the pastors and teachers to get the lines down on the court of ministry so that every member can play the game with confidence. Don't let growing leaders get away with playing out of bounds.

4. Reproduction, Fruit Bearing & Sending

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- *Just like the training phase, the leaders in a local church must be full of faith.
The Goal: give the ministry away so that it will multiply.*
- **Ministry.** Disciple Makers: Establishing the Four Goals in others.
- **Maturity.** Servant leaders: Sacrificial and secure.
- **Maternity.** Ministry multiplies. Soul winners are produced, investing in people, participating in leadership development.

Accountability is necessary for ministry to be successful.

As we invest in ministers and build them up, forms of accountability at every level are important.

By accountability we mean holding people to biblical standards with love and grace.

Every aspect of the ministry philosophy must permeate every level of the church; from corporate to small groups to individuals – we follow the same ministry principles.

The goal?

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