



Lesson 4 - Part One

MC Leadership Training

Summary

1. Subject(s): Gospel Leadership

This section begins to deal with the expectations for Missional Communities, Gospel Rhythms, and responsibilities of MC Leadership.

2. Objective: Expectations and Gospel Rhythms

The goal of this lesson is to help MC leaders understand monthly rhythms, the overall aim of Missional Communities, and what the expectations are of them as MC Leaders.

Prayer

Lord, as we delve into what is expected of us as church and MC leadership, help us to proceed with open hearts and open minds. Please guard us against any form of legalism or distortion of Your precious Gospel. Let our devotional life grow in such a way that we can be better equipped as leaders of Your flock. We pray this in Jesus' most holy name. Amen.

Reading

“So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and

having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.” Acts 2:42-47

Observations

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- 7.

Gratitude

- Father, we thank You for the Gospel. We know that only the Gospel can change lives. We remember that if the Gospel doesn't change everything, then it doesn't change anything. We praise You, for the truth that the Gospel does in fact change everything. It even changes the very structure and organization of our lives. We thank You for this change and for these Gospel Rhythms, which allow our lives to become established in the Gospel.

Reflection

1. What kind of expressions of faith are baptism and an opportunity for testimony? Why are they important?
2. How does this passage become the model for the Missional Community Rhythms?
3. Once “Habits of Faith” are set (Rhythms are established), what things do we hope and believe will begin to happen organically by the operation of the Holy Spirit?
4. If unbelievers are brought into the community and participate in these “faith habits”, what do we hope is the result?
5. Who brings people into Covenant with God? Can we save anyone?

Application

- As MC Leaders our expectations are to set up Missional Communities that operate according to the _____ found in the book of Acts.
- We accomplish our due diligence but the _____ rest in the sovereignty of God. Remember, we _____ save anyone.

- We must continually remind others and be reminded that the Gospel is _____ to everything that we do.
- As MC Leaders, we should be watching for _____ _____ to emerge in our individual MCs. This will be a key in continuing to steward the God-given multiplication.

Meditation

- The Gospel changes everything or it changes nothing.
- The church was established on certain rhythms. Therefore, it makes sense that we should build our MCs on similar rhythms.