

Forming Missional Teams

with Team Time Guide and Vision Statement Exercise

MISSIONAL TEAM

A group of everyday people partnering together to make disciples.

WHY TEAM?

Jesus sent his disciples out on mission in the context of team. Partners or groups with common purpose is almost always the Biblical blueprint for mission and new disciple-making.

TEAM FORMS

A team can take on various forms. Here are a few examples:

- **Partner-Up:** A Single teammate on the ground who shares the same mission context as you (i.e. Luke 10, Jesus sending out the 72 in pairs).
- **Shared Mission Team:** A team with a shared missional focus/context in which their members serve together on the ground
- **Scattered Mission Team:** A team in which its members focus on a variety of different missional environments, and gather together for encouragement, prayer, and strategy
- **Prayer Team:** A group of people committed to praying for you and your missional context.

FIVE STEPS TO FORM AND LAUNCH A MISSIONAL TEAM

Build a team with clear missional context and calling

- Know where you're sent and be as specific as possible.
 - Move from big picture people groups (i.e. "refugees") to specific people groups (i.e. Somalis in Northeast Kansas City)
- Keep the goal of disciple-making and seeing new churches emerge in front of you
 - Move beyond meeting physical needs to meeting needs as an open door to finding spiritually interested people
- Find the right teammates
 - Find (or help form) teammates who have a burden for the multiplication of disciples and microchurches

Build your team around clear vision and purpose

- What is this team running towards? What is the "WHY" of this team?
 - It might be helpful to work through the vision statement exercise (see pg 4).

Be specific about your missional activity and strategy

- Be intentional in your "HOW:"
 - What ways are you meeting people?
 - What ways are you being Good News and discovering persons of peace?
 - How are you engaging in spiritual conversations and inviting people into Discovery Bible Study environments?

Build your team around prayer

- Determine your prayer rhythms as a team
 - Be intentional and schedule times together (be creative: use Zoom if needed)
 - Pray on mission and "on-site" when possible. Prayer walking is an extremely important strategy for missional teams

Determine the rhythms of the team

- What are the regular and intentional rhythms of this team that must be in place in order to reach the purpose and goals?
 - Daily? Weekly? Monthly? Yearly?



Missional Team Checklist

Type of team

Is this a shared or scattered mission team?

Missional context

What's your area of mission (relational network, affinity, place, etc.)?

The vision

Why does this team exist?

The strategy

How does this team live into the vision?

The prayer plan

What are the regular & intentional rhythms of prayer for this team? How are we praying on mission and on-site? (Daily/Weekly/Monthly/Yearly/etc.)

Team rhythms

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Team Time Guide

Use this bookmark style guide for Scattered-Mission Teams (teams in which the members represent a variety of missional contexts, but meet together for encouragement, prayer, and strategy).

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Check-in:

Discuss your last missional I WILL statements and give some personal/life updates

Team Processing

- How's your prayer related to the mission (BLESS 5, prayer walks, etc.)?
- Where do you see God moving in your missional context?
- What stumbling blocks or opposition exist?
- Whom is God leading you to pursue more?
- What other opportunities exist for you to be Good News in your context?
- Whom can you invite into a Discovery Group/Microchurch?

Prayer

Spend significant time in prayer together for the people/opportunities discussed.

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Vision Statement Exercise

VISION STATEMENT

A vision statement is a statement of your desired end-state. The goal below is to develop a statement that will help guide you along your future decision making.

Spend some time dreaming with the Lord. Think of this as an exercise in “holy imagination.”

In prayer, ask God:

- What could the impact of this ministry look like 5 or 10 years from now?
- How has the Kingdom come on earth as a result of my partnership with your mission in that setting?
- In what ways does the world look different and/or better?

Write down what you heard/saw from God (write, draw, bullet point, mind map, etc).

Now see if you can summarize what you captured above into one or two sentences.

Transition the vision into a Vision Statment

- Generally, a vision statement is a one-sentence statement describing the clear and inspirational long-term desired change resulting from a group’s work.

Look over the examples (on the right) and notice aspects you like, dislike, trends between a few or multiple statements, sentence structures, etc. Generate some ideas from them.

- Consider any words that definitely need to find their way into your vision statement. Write them out:

Write a rough draft vision statement

- Then, have your team prayerfully review, searching for the right phrasing until it resonates to each person on the team. Write out the final version.

Spend time thinking about what barriers might prevent you from achieving the above vision in five years.

- Try to think through every angle with your team
- What barriers will prevent you from even getting off the ground? What resources or equipping do you need to overcome those barriers?
- Is there anyone ahead of you that might be a potential guide or mentor?

EXAMPLE MISSION STATEMENTS

Habitat for Humanity

A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

The Nature Conservancy

Our vision is to leave a sustainable world for future generations.

New Generations

Empowering ordinary people all over the world to create chain reactions of disciples making disciples.

World Vision

For every child, life in all its fullness; Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.

Teach for America

One day, all children in this nation will have the opportunity to attain an excellent education.

KC Underground

Our 40-Year Dream of Gospel Saturation in KansasCity is 21,000 Microchurches Connecting with 21 Hubs.

Share the Hope

We exist to see Disciple Making Movements among the post-incarcerated, addiction, and homeless communities of Kansas City.

