

From “Leading Missional Communities”: 3 Questions to ask

Determining your Group’s “Out”

How do we come up with how we are to “demonstrate God’s love” to those around us? In seeking to determine what the “Out” component of your group might be, here are three main questions to prayerfully ask:

- **God, who are you sending us to?** Remember that we are typically called to either a neighborhood or a network of relationships. Most of the time, God reveals this to you by bringing you a Person of Peace from that neighborhood or network. A Person of Peace is simply someone with whom you connect well, someone who likes you and in some way or another wants to serve or help you, regardless of whether they believe in Jesus or not.
- **God, where are you already at work?** Typically, wherever God sends you, He is already there and already working (see John 5: 17). Joining with what He is already doing will be much more fruitful than trying to come up with random ideas, so look for signs of God already at work around you. Most of the time, this is made known to us through a Person of Peace.
- **What is good news to this group of people?** Once we find the Person of Peace, we begin to ask the gospel question: What is the good news for this group of people? What aspect of the life Jesus offers will speak to their hearts most powerfully? How can we live out the message of Jesus and talk about Jesus effectively? In other words, how do we show them and tell them the love and good news of Jesus? Look for signs of God already at work around you.

Here are some more questions that might be helpful as you determine where God may be leading your group to demonstrate his love to others:

- What are your heart’s desires?
- What are you passionate about?

- What excites you (kids, environment, people, family, healing, etc.)?
- What is your holy discontent?
- What grieves or saddens you?
- What do you see that makes you think “that’s not fair!” (kids on street corners, litter, abuse, families breaking up, etc.)?
- What are the opportunities?
- Where are there places of grace, influence, and invitation?
- What are the needs of the community?
- Where could you be a blessing and/ or good news to the local community?
- What have you heard from God?
- What has God said in the past, through Scripture and other people, about the present or the future?

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