



Engaging the Church: Building Community Impact through Church Ministry and Partnerships

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Phil 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

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Encountering Jesus Together

Opening prayer – Introduction and Welcome

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- Having a mindset of Kingdom Growth rather than personal gain
- Stewardship of our resources

1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"

Workshop Objectives

What we will accomplish today

- Understand the value of partnerships
- Explore practical ways for the Church to impact and influence change in your community
- Begin to develop a partnership action plan

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”

Biblical Foundation for Partnership

Biblical encouragement for working alongside others

- God designed us for community and collaboration

- **The Body of Christ**
- **1 Corinthians 12:12–27**

- **Strength in Unity**
- **Ecclesiastes 4:9–12**

Why Churches Need To Be Involved

Wanting relationship is important

- Churches are rooted in their communities
 - They are equipped for service and care
 - Shared mission: extending Christ's love
- Mutual benefits: discipleship, outreach, engagement

Identifying Ministry Needs

How the church comes alongside you...

Areas for partnership:

- Volunteers
- Physical space
- Financial support
- Spiritual covering and prayer

Understanding the Church's Perspective

... overcoming hesitations

- Churches have limited time & resources
- They prioritize spiritual growth and community
 - Align your vision with theirs
- Be clear, concise, and respectful in your approach

Ways to Engage the Church

How you come alongside the Church

- Invite them to speak or tour your ministry
 - Host joint service projects
 - Prayer partnerships
 - Share success stories and reports
- Ask for specific support (bulletins, space, donations)

Building the Relationship

Stepping out and into faith...

- Build trust before making an ask
- Maintain regular communication
 - Celebrate wins together
 - Acknowledge their impact

Success Stories

The fruit of The Spirit

Angel Tree Christmas + Mariners Church Irvine, CA and Robert in AZ

Justice Reform + Formerly Incarcerated Man/Saints Church, NYC
and the State of NY

Prison Fellowship Academy + Church Collective in Houston, TX

Creating a Church Partnership

Practical Next Steps

1. Identify a list of churches/contacts
2. Define your need clearly
3. Craft your message
4. Choose your top 3 asks (always include prayer)
5. Set a timeline for follow-up

Group Discussion

Final Thoughts and Prayer

Question: "What is one way your ministry could invite a church into deeper partnership this year?"



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