

Launching New Movements

Foundations and the Preparation Stage for Launching New Movements

Begin with God and what He has promised to do! Psalm 46:10, Psalm 2:8-9.

- Pray and fast: Matthew 9:35-38
- Learn from the Apostles: Acts 16, Principles of Apostolic Ministry Paradigm
- Form your team: Ask God for a team (at least one other person to launch with)
- Capture your vision. Expect God to speak and give you His heart and vision: Joel 2
- Understand your scope. Where is everywhere? Who is everywhere? in your target.
- Gather essential resources and tools

What are we trusting God to see happen in each location or context?

1. We are trusting God to raise up **Key Volunteers**: faithful students or disciples who are committed to working and learning together to trust God for a movement in their university or high school. A Key Volunteer exhibits a *Heart for God, Heart for growth, Heart for the lost, one who Takes the Initiative and is Available 4-6 hours a week for direct ministry.*
2. We are trusting God to work through a team of like-hearted disciples (Key Volunteers) who win, build and send toward the fulfillment of the great commission.
3. As teams are launched we are trusting God to see these teams **multiply into new teams of Key Volunteers targeting new locations.**

Movement Stage 1: Network and Explore to discover the people and resources that God is providing (Acts 13-19)

Focus: Discover the Key Volunteers/student leaders that God is raising up
(KV exercise: Come up with 20 ways to find potential key volunteers)

- Network to find potential volunteers and partners (virtually and locally)
- Trust God to provide and only **work with the “ready” people** (F.A.I.T.H.)
- **Connect with local churches and leaders**, building trust relationships and open communication
- **Take potential Key Volunteers with you** on campus to train and model ministry (begin with prayer and evangelism)
- Go to the University:
 - o Prayer walk the university
 - o Get to know the university and the students on campus by decoding
 - o Search for People of Peace asking if they know any students on campus who follow Jesus
- Connect the Lost to Jesus (Abundant Gospel Sowing)
 - o Precision Harvesting
 - o Personal Evangelism
 - o Small and large group Evangelism

Movement Stage 2: Developing Key Volunteers

Coaching Key Volunteers to develop movements

Coach's role: Envision, Equip, Encourage, Entrust, Empower KV to lead and build movements (I Thessalonians)

Starting point: KV agreement (it's essential to have a solid commitment & clear expectations for the KV and for the coach)

Focus:

- **Draw out their vision and coach them in *their* basic next steps** using the "Essential Path" tool.
- **Ongoing training: Determine your coaching plan** from the "Essential Path" plan the Key Volunteers have come up with. Use NLTC/or other basic training. Potential training topics: Walking with God (becoming self feeders), telling their story, sharing the gospel, leading others in basic follow-up, growing in leading and planning W.B.S., developing and growing their vision
- **Provide opportunities for growth and connection** with other KVs through events such as: conferences/retreats/projects
- **Involve KV's** in new movement launching initiatives on other campuses or in other nations
- **Give them the means for deeper discipleship:** Help them develop their own second tier of discipleship (keep it focused on studying the word in small groups)

Keep in mind: You want them to be able to do everything you do with them immediately. So keep it ***simple, transferable and transparent.***

Tools for developing KV/KV teams from a distance (See yourself as the coach to resource KV/KV teams in their "Essential Path" movement plan)

- regular touch points through Skype and phone calls, occasional on-site visits
- Use MAWL with them in the basics: Model, Assist, Watch, Leave
- Connect them to local sources of discipleship and to each other!!

Be prepared For Spiritual Battle: Starting and growing movements is messy! (Ephesians 6:1-10)

- Ask God for a heart like the Apostles (See Paul's love for the Churches)
- Be a prayer warrior for the new believers and volunteers
- See conflicts, setbacks, and barriers as God's opportunities. His Kingdom will be built and ultimately, it cannot be stopped.
- Don't be afraid to re-launch!

Remember what He has promised:

"...there will be no end to the increase of His reign or of Peace..." Isaiah 9:7

"And Your people will Volunteer freely in the day of Your power, In holy array, from the womb of the dawn, Your youth are to you as the dew. " Psalm 110:3

"Do not be Afraid little flock for your Father delights to give you the Kingdom" Luke 12:32