

WORKSHOP

How to Spark Fresh Mission Momentum In Your Church

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Goals for this Hour

- ✓ **Walkthrough** 3 critical components for mission momentum in your church
- ✓ **Fill your heart** with ideas to take back to your team
- ✓ **Pray** for the Holy Spirit's perspective on mission and momentum



Defining our Terms

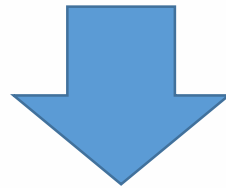
In physics, momentum is the quantity of motion of a moving body, measured as a product of its mass and velocity.

The bigger the object, and the greater its velocity, the harder it is to stop. With “big mo” behind you, it is actually hard to stop moving forward...

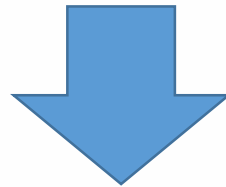


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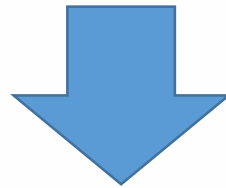
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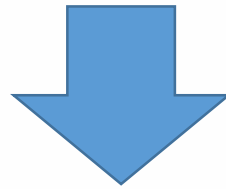
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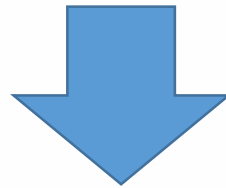
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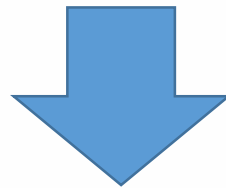
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3 Questions to Ask

1. How can we **create a context for spiritual health** in our church?
2. What is our **intentional process for mobilizing** people toward mission?
3. What **concrete outreach plans** are we inviting people to engage with?



Spark – 5 min. convo

What has been a very effective initiative you've seen/done to improve the spiritual health of a church family?
What results did you see?



Quick commercial...

Life Action's "Summit" event is, in my opinion, one of the best booster-shots to church health that I'm aware of.

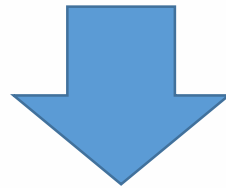
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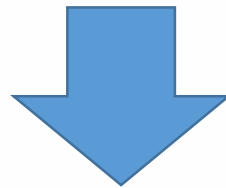
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Mobilization Strategy

To me, mobilization occurs when someone takes ownership of the Great Commission's completion, and when they are equipped and inspired to begin!

How and where does such mobilization occur?



A few obvious thoughts

1. Talk about the Mission! Help people recognize that they are still on earth because the Great Commission is not yet complete.
2. Offer trainings, exposures, and opportunities to be inspired/equipped.
3. Showcase stories often.
4. Offer some inspirational clarity regarding what Jesus has called us to do.



Spark – 5 min. convo

What “mobilized” you personally into ministry and mission?

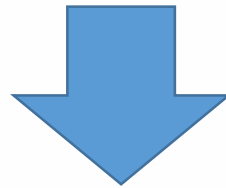
What context had someone created so that you could experience that moment?



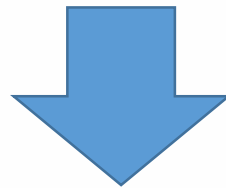
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Concrete Plans

This is a missing piece for many willing, equipped, and inspired people. They have the *concept*, but they don't have anything *concrete* to do.

I want to go for it...now (Pastor), what do I do exactly?



Note the Difference

Conceptual Calls to Mission - the HEART

“Be a light in this community”

“Love people like Jesus did”

Concrete Calls to Mission - the ACTION

“Give a gift basket to five neighbors and ask how you can pray for them.”

“Make room in your heart to love one more child.”



Practical Checklist

Offering people specific tasks that “add up” to mission completion is a concrete way of making real progress, and I believe, increasing momentum.

How do we do this?



Practical Checklist

1. Pray about what macro-checkbox you will tackle together.
2. Determine the “how” of the mission.
3. Break into micro-checkbox steps for people to take and own
4. Invite people to pray and begin.



Example

Macro-Checklist Items (church level):

- Reach every household in our zip code
- Plant a church in an under-reached area
- Begin need-based ministry outreach
- Disciple ### new believers in three years
- Partner globally to plant churches in an unreached people group

Strive for *measurable* objectives here



Example

Micro-Checklist Items (personal level):

- Give \$100 to reach 35 households with church media
- Join our church plant team for 2 years
- Intentionally reach out to your closest 10 neighbors at Christmas
- For every \$xxx you contribute to our global mission plan, one more church can be planted
- Sign up for disciple-maker training



Example

Two “Checklist” Examples

➤ Zip code outreach, OH/MO/??

➤ Church partnership for Bihar



Let's Work Together



If you'd like to talk more about how Life Action could partner with you to help create the context for "mission momentum" in your church,

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