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Imagine Church
Community Builder Training
Part 2

“Find Community Wherever You Are”
“One Church. Globally Distributed”
#imaginechurchdifferent



IMAGINE CHURCH

PART 2 "IMAGINE 101"

Imagine Bi-Lines, tags and other stuff

"Find Community Wherever You Are"

"One Church. Globally Distributed"

"Imagine Church Different"

"Locally led. Organically Grown."

"SEE. LOVE. INVITE."

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IMAGINE VALUES

The 5 Values of Imagine:

GATHER. CULTIVAT. CREATE. CHAMPION. INVEST

Imagine Church Exists to:

GATHER

We choose to GATHER and multiply gospel communities that live out the love of God and engage in Community Discipleship.

Acts 2

CULTIVATE

We choose to CULTIVATE a culture of personal devotion to Jesus, connection with people across the world and community discipleship.

CREATE

We choose to CREATE opportunities to experience and engage with the Holy Spirit

CHAMPION

We choose to CHAMPION people in their God-given identity and purpose and equip them to be effective influencers of culture.

INVEST

We choose to INVEST time, energy and resources to serve our communities and further the vision of Imagine Church.

IMAGINE CELEBRATES

What Imagine Celebrates:

STORIES OF BRAVERY

We choose to redefine success as BRAVERY. We celebrate the moments of BRAVERY in people's lives, because we believe it isn't about the result, as much as it is about being willing to take a risk toward Jesus. For example, BRAVERY in our communities can look like, boldness to share Jesus with others, loving people the way Jesus did, starting an Imagine Community, or simply attending a community for the first time.

STORIES OF LIFE-CHANGE

When lives are changed from the gospel and when people commit to live differently because of how the Holy Spirit is leading them, we celebrate. Imagine Church believes in the win of individuals starting to see themselves as God sees them, instead of through a filter of insecurities, flaws and doubts. We celebrate LIFE-CHANGE. We celebrate LIFE-CHANGE in individuals and communities. We believe as Jesus changes our lives, we cannot help but change the community around us.

STORIES OF MULTIPLICATION

We choose to celebrate stories of Imagine Communities multiplying. Healthy things reproduce/multiply themselves, and we celebrate health and growth in communities. We celebrate when Communities multiply to reach more cities, neighborhoods, lifestyles or social mosaics for Jesus

STORIES OF GENEROSITY

WHEN WE HEAR STORIES OF AN IMAGINE COMMUNITY OR THE PEOPLE THAT MAKE UP IMAGINE CHURCH ACTING IN GENEROSITY, WE CELEBRATE. GENEROSITY IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE. BEING A GENEROUS PERSON OR COMMUNITY CAN LOOK SO MANY WAYS. FOR EXAMPLE: WE CELEBRATE WHEN A LOCAL COMMUNITY ADOPTS THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DOWN THE STREET TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIER NEIGHBORHOOD. WE CELEBRATE WHEN A VIRTUAL COMMUNITY COMMITS TO RAISE MONEY FOR A CAUSE THAT AFFECTS THIER CULTURE. WE CELEBRATE WHEN PEOPLE ACT IN OBEDIENCE TO TITHE AND GIVE TO IMAGINE TO FURTHER THE REACH OF PEOPLE WE CAN AFFECT WITH THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS THROUGH STARTING MORE COMMUNITIES.

Imagine Church Motto:

How can I help? - Permission. Power. Provision. Protection.

The people of Imagine (Especially any form of leadership) should always be asking “How can I help?” or corporately “How can we help?”. This needs to be the norm we are all asking each other. 1) Community Builders can be asking the people they are serving. 2) Community members can be asking this to their community builders. And 3) Your community as a whole could be asking this to the city, culture or lifestyle you are called to reach, etc. etc. etc. The old saying goes, “People do not care how much you know until they know how much you care”. The open ended question, “How can I/we help?” (with space at the end for us to REALLY listen), is so fundamental in really showing people that you are listening and that you care. This does not mean that we can always meet everyone’s needs and we can never sacrifice our families or own well being to rescue everyone that needs help, but when we listen and do whatever we feel like God wants us to do to help, the Holy Spirit steps in and does the rest. **This is not a rescue question it is a listening exercise.**

Nehemiah 2:1-9 Early the following spring, in the month of Nisan, during the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes' reign, I was serving the king his wine. I had never before appeared sad in his presence. ² So the king asked me, "Why are you looking so sad? You don't look sick to me. You must be deeply troubled." Then I was terrified, ³ but I replied, "Long live the king! How can I not be sad? For the city where my ancestors are buried is in ruins, and the gates have been destroyed by fire."

⁴ The king asked, "Well, how can I help you?"

With a prayer to the God of heaven, ⁵ I replied, "If it please the king, and if you are pleased with me, your servant, send me to Judah to rebuild the city where my ancestors are buried." ⁶ The king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked, "How long will you be gone? When will you return?" After I told him how long I would be gone, the king agreed to my request (**Permission, Agreement, Sending, Calling, Release, fulfillment, etc.**). ⁷ I also said to the king, "If it please the king, let me have letters addressed to the governors of the province west of the Euphrates River, instructing them to let me travel safely through their territories on my way to Judah. (**Power, Wisdom, Passage, Open Doors, Guidance, Direction, etc.**)" ⁸ And please give me a letter addressed to Asaph, the manager of the king's forest, instructing him to give me timber. I will need it to make beams for the gates of the Temple fortress, for the city walls, and for a house for myself." And the king granted these requests, because the gracious hand of God was on me (**Provision, Favor, Resources, etc.**). ⁹ When I came to the governors of the province west of the Euphrates River, I delivered the king's letters to them. The king, I should add, had sent along army officers and horsemen to protect me. ("By the way, I guess I should mention that the king sent a crazy amount bodyguards to protect me" Hahaha) (**Protection, Angels, Armor of God, etc.**)

- 1) **The King to Nehemiah** - This story of Nehemiah being asked by the King - "How can I help?", is an amazing example of our relationship with God. The scripture tells us that He will give us the desires of our heart. Jeremiah was heavy hearted about his hometown being destroyed and he wanted **Permission** to go and do what was on his heart. He wanted to have the **Power** of the king's letters to open doors for the journey. He wanted **Provision** and supplies to accomplish his vision/calling/dreams and he wanted **Protection** as he did what he felt God wanted him to do. The king granted all of it.
- 2) **God to Us** - The scriptures tell us all over the place how God will grant the desires of our heart, how He gives us dreams and visions, how He spurs us on to good deeds, how He lays things on our hearts... Then he says, "How can I Help?". What an amazing God we serve. He gives us **Permission** (Agreement, Sending, Calling, Release, fulfillment, etc.), **Power** (Wisdom, Passage, Open Doors, Guidance through the Holy Spirit, Direction, etc.), **Provision** (Favor, Resources, etc.) and **Protection** (Angels, Armor of God, etc.) to go out and do what He has called us to do. "We can do all things through Christ, who strengthens us".
- 3) **Us to Others** - In **UNITY** with others (Community) there is a power, a breakthrough, a steadfastness, accountability and a release of God's favor to accomplish **WAY** more than we could ever do or Imagine on our own. This is why the question, "How can I help?" is so crucial in our Imagine Communities. We have the Holy Spirit in us. We have the power that raised Jesus from the Grave. We were created for good works and in His image. All of this is already in those of us that are saved. When we ask others, "How can I Help?", God will give us some way of helping. There is some kind of **Permission** (Agreement, Sending, Calling, Release, fulfillment, etc.) that we can help unfold in their lives.

There is some kind of **Power** (Wisdom, Passage, Open Doors, Guidance through the HS, Direction, etc.) that we can unfold. There is some kind of **Provision** (Favor, Resources, etc.) we can give. And there is great **Protection** (Angels, Armor of God, etc.) we can release with intercession, fasting and praying (Or literally going with them on there mission for the purpose of being a strength and protection for them.

4) **It Starts with You/Me** - It is hard for a lot of people to be vulnerable and ask for help or receive help from others. Sometimes it is even hard for us to ask and receive help from God. We like to do things in our own strength. We have to be open to this. We model this as leaders by being vulnerable (First). As Nehemiah did, sharing our dreams, calling, passions, etc. with people and letting them ask us "How can I help?", then being able to receive that help. Right after the King asked Nehemiah, "How can I help?" in verse 4 Nehemiah said, "With a prayer to the God of Heaven, I replied, 'If it pleases the king, let me go and rebuild the city'. I bet he prayed because he knew there was a chance the King would laugh at him or mock him or say things like, "Why do you dream so big, you will never accomplish that" or "No, you are my servant and you can not leave my side". But with prayer Nehemiah had the boldness to speak out his vision and dreams even in the midst of not knowing how it would be perceived. So let us be vulnerable enough to receive help and bold enough to ask others, "How can I help?".

5) **An Imagine Community to the city/culture/lifestyle/occupation or neighborhood we are reaching -**

- a. Picture a community of 13 people in Las Vegas asking each other, "How can we help our city/neighborhood?". 13 people asking the neighbors around them how they can help. Conversations of life and hope will happen.

Picture these 13 people scheduling an appointment with Mayer Goodman and saying, “Hey, we are community of Faith and we have pulled together \$1,000 over the last year, what can we do to help the city with this \$1,000?”. What if these 13 people when to the closest police department to ask the chief what equipment they could buy the force with this money? This \$1,000 could also buy a lot of chili and cornbread to feed the homeless population down the street.

- b. Picture a virtual community of 15 people trying to reach and love full time RVers. RVers who cannot have a church community around them because they are always on the road in different places every month. What if they started asking everyone they meet along the way, “How can we help?”. “The AC in your RV went out and it is July, Holy Crap... Let me call my church community people ask scrounge up some money to help you”.
- c. Picture 15 Truckers on a zoom call talking about some of the sex trafficking they have seen out on the open roads. “How can we help?”... can we research places that are rescuing sex traffic victims and pick one for our Imagine Truckers Community to support? The possibilities are endless.

God will use our faithfulness to change lives when we ask the question, “How can I/we help?”

Q & A – Please write down any questions you might have so we can talk through them.

HW Assignments – Due by end of training:

Listen to/watch the following teaching series and just jot down a few notes (Questions, concerns, things you do not like or understand and things you like) as you listen so we can talk about it when we review (Fast Forward through updates, just listen to teachings and it will take about 9 hours. Do in any order you want)... FIND VIDEOS @ WWW.IMAGINE.CHURCH/TRAIN

- 1) **3 Circles Culture** – 5 Parts - Here at Imagine Church we want to always be protecting and cultivating a culture of GRACE. This series is key in how we talk to and respond to everyone in our church.
- 2) **CIVILITY. PRAYER. MISSION.** - 2 Part series - In this highly political climate, this series will give you an overview on Imagine Church's stance on political issues. recorded during the Trump/Biden election season. We all need to be unified in this Biblical stance as we lead our Communities, no matter our political party affiliation.
- 3) **LIVING BEYOND BLESSED** – 4 Parts - God is the owner of all we have. We are only the manager/stewards. This series we watched is a series done by Pastor Robert Morris. It teaches us how to shift our minds to a Godly/Biblical perspective of how we are to steward all that God has given us to manage. It is so good. It changed Pastor Janae and My thinking as well as so many people in Imagine when we watched it.
- 4) **SEE. LOVE. INVITE.** – 3 Part – The Mission of Imagine Church Global
- 5) **GLOBAL VISION** – 4 Parts – This series is all about the preferred vision of Imagine Church Global.
- 6) **“Never Stop Starting” Teaching** – #2 of the “Insta - A Series of Dm's” - This teaching details the tool that Imagine Church uses and teaches for a strong daily devotional life.