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IMAGINE CHURCH
COMMUNITY BUILDER TRAINING
PART 3

“FIND COMMUNITY WHEREVER YOU ARE”

“One Church. Globally Distributed”

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PART 3 "IMAGINE 101"

WHAT DOES AN IMAGINE CHURCH SERVICE LOOK LIKE FOR A LOCAL COMMUNITY?

- 1) Go to the [IMAGINE.CHURCH/SERVICE](https://www.imaginechurch.com/service) link and have that weeks teaching already pulled up on computer, ready to share screen and play the people in your living room or the venue you meet in.
- 2) Have any local or Imagine wide updates written down and ready to share with people when the time comes
- 3) Meeting space is clean and smells nice
- 4) Animals are put away
- 5) Some sort of snack, dessert, coffee, water type of stuff. You do not have to provide this every week, You can do a rotation with everyone in the community.
- 6) As people come in, please have music playing
- 7) Start on time
- 8) WELCOME Less than 5 Min. - as last people find seats, just say hi and let everyone say hi to each other then start.
- 9) WINS/LIFESIGNS - 5 minutes of a designated person leading a discussion on celebrating the wins of the community
- 10) OPENING PRAYER - Community Builder starts things of with prayer or has someone pray

11) TEACHING AND WORSHIP - Watch sermon and worship (Words for worship will be on screen)

12) MID-TEACHING COMMUNITY DISCIPLESHP TIME - During most sermons we will have some point of interaction for a few minutes to pray with each other or talk about a certain point of that sermon on how it relates to you in that community. Please stick to the countdown time given.

13) COMMUNITY DISCIPLESHP TIME - After the video push stop and then for 15-20 min Community Builder asks some questions (Examples: How will we be different after what we heard today? Or How does this sermon affect us here in _____) the name of your city)? Or How can we all hold each other accountable and stay better in community after what we just heard?

14) UPDATES - Then the community builder can give any updates for the week and people can plan the next "Love the Community" Service project etc. etc.

15) TITHES AND OFFERINGS - Please explain how people can tithe and give on the Imagine App or on the website

16) ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY - Encourage people to exchange phone numbers, emails and find each other on social media to build community all week long. Give examples of people meeting for coffee or lunch to do their SOAP together, BBQs, etc.

17) CLEAN - Then the whole community cleans the house up together so it is left the way it was when people showed up. (Spoken to from us on video too... "Hey take care of your community builders home")

WHAT DOES AN IMAGINE CHURCH SERVICE LOOK LIKE FOR A VIRTUAL COMMUNITY?

1) Go to the [IMAGINE.CHURCH/SERVICE](https://www.imaginechurch.org/service) link and have that weeks teaching already pulled up on computer, ready to share screen and play.

2) Have any local or Imagine wide updates written down and ready to share with people when the time comes

3) 10 min before start time be signed on to zoom and have some music playing in the background.

4) Start on time

5) WELCOME - First 5 min or less, saying hi and seeing how people are doing.

6) WINS/LIFESIGNS - 5 minutes of a designated person leading a discussion on celebrating the wins of the community

7) OPENING PRAYER - Community Builder starts things of with prayer or has someone pray

8) TEACHING AND WORSHIP - Share your computer screen with the rest of the people on the zoom call. Watch sermon and worship (Words for worship will be on screen)

9) MID-TEACHING COMMUNITY DISCIPLESHIP TIME - During most sermons we will have some point of interaction for a few minutes to pray with each other or talk about a certain point of that sermon on how it relates to you in that community. Please stick to the countdown time given.

10) COMMUNITY DISCIPLESHIP TIME - After the video push stop (unshared screen) and then for 15-20 min Community builder ask some questions (Examples: How will we be different after what we heard today? Or How does this sermon affect us (out here as truckers, as full time RVers, as Touring Artists etc.? Or How can we all hold each other accountable and stay better in community after what we just heard?

11) UPDATES - Then the community builder can give any updates for the week and people can plan the next "Love the Community" Service project etc. etc.

12) TITHES AND OFFERINGS - Please explain how people can tithe and give on the Imagine App or on the website

13) ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY - Encourage people to exchange phone numbers, emails and find each other on social media to build community all week long. Give examples of how people in the community could facetime or zoom during the week to share their SOAP with others in the community.

EXPECTATIONS OF AN IMAGINE COMMUNITY:

Celebrate the Wins - See and ask what good God is doing in and through individuals in your Imagine Community and in the Community as a whole and celebrate those things. Know the "Wins" that Imagine celebrates and celebrate those things. FIND THEM LISTED ON THE "WHO WE ARE" PAGE OF THE WEBSITE.

Service Time - Gather together at least once a week at the designated day and time that the community agrees is best.

Community Discipleship - Open yourselves up to disciple each other. Just as the churches in Acts did not have a professional pastor with them week in and week out, they had to pastor and disciple each other through what we call "Community Discipleship". This happens in service, but should also happen with each other throughout the week as you develop relationships and do life together.

Life Together - Be open to doing life together, help each other, build each other up, pastor each other. Make Facebook Groups for your communities. Use an app like Group Me for group texts between each other. Stay connected throughout the week. Go to coffee if you are apart of a local community.

"Love the Community" - Adopt something in the community around you or something that your community wants to get behind and figure out how you can help that cause or situation as a community. (Example: Adopt the elementary school down the street and ask the principal how you can help the school with supplies or painting walls or pulling weeds etc. or for communities on the road adopting a cause like Sex trafficking and how can your community help with that cause)

Keep Things Clean - Everyone needs to pitch in and clean up after a Community Time. The Community Builders should not have to do all the work.

Kids and Teens - If there are kids or youth in the community, figuring out together how to impart the Gospel into their lives. (Examples: Maybe there is a youth group around the area that the teens can go to on another night of the week. Maybe some moms can rotate teaching kids a lesson in another room. Some kids or students may be mature enough to sit in on the teaching and worship time.) The churches in Acts had kids and youth and they figured out how as a community to raise those kids, so we have to do the same at the community level.

“You get out what you put in” - The same is true for church and being apart of a community. Enter into discussion, be open. What you put into the community is what you will get out of it. Living in community is hard and messy at times, but the relationships and benefits far outweigh the negative.

“There are no bad ideas” - when brainstorming different things in the community (love the city ideas, community meal ideas, etc.) please do not shut people ideas down. Everyone’s opinion matters and is valid. One the other hand, you have to know that your suggestion or opinion will also not always be used.

“The Preaching is done on the screen” - discussion times are not times for people to preach another sermon or add another chapter to the sermon. Even if you feel the sermon missed a whole point that you think should have been in it. You can respectfully, after the service time, share your thought with the community builder and submit to their judgment if you can share that the next time you get together. You have to trust that the Holy Spirit speaks to the lead and teaching pastors and that they are preaching exactly what they feel like God wants to say today.

Tithe - This is church, not a social club or a ministry of a church or a ministry outreach. The Bible tells us to bring back 10% of our income to the church. Tithe to Imagine Church on the app or on website

Respect Peoples Time - Services are min long. We have to respect people’s time and get them home at a decent time to put kids to bed or go eat lunch or dinner. Please do your part to help the Community Builder stick to the time by not over sharing and letting others share.

Keep Things Positive - We have all been to the churches, meet the Christians and heard the preachers who are always negative and always speaking, praying or preaching against things (against sin, against the enemy, against the culture, against R rated movies, against dancing, against Disney or Target, against abortion... Imagine Church is for things. As Christians who want to reach as many people for Jesus as possible we need to be a community that prays, speaks and preaches for things not against things. When we pray, speak and preach for we are automatically speaking against things, so there is no need to be against. (NOTE - Is there a time and place once in awhile to speak against something or pray against something that is around us or speak against what the enemy is trying to accomplish in our home... Yes! We are not saying, “Don’t ever speak against”. It is just the general attitude of our lives should be FOR things not against things. Examples: Speak for the life of babies, not against abortion. You do not have to preach about the bad things Disney is doing. If you feel convicted to not visit Disney land then just don’t go. Pray for the fruit of the spirit to prevail in your house. If you are praying for love, you are already praying against hate. If you are praying for Joy, then depression is already on its way out. If you are praying for peace, then discontentment, unrest, etc. are already being prayed against. Lord, give me patience is already saying.

Praying for kindness to come into your home is already praying against mean spirited sibling fighting. Etc. Again, the Word does tell us what is bound on earth will be bound in heaven. There are times to come against the enemy and stand against the evil that is infiltrating and the schemes that the enemy has. This is when we clothe ourselves with the Armor of God and stand firm. Our weapons in battle are only 1) The Word of God (Sword of the Spirit) and 2) the Shoes of Peace - Did you get that? Walking in Peace or running sometimes... and the Word of God are the main weapons we have in any spiritual battle. The rest of the armor of God is just placed for protection and security. Peace or lack of peace is what help us run to God or away from sin and the Word of God is the tool to use to speak out against something and speak out God's promises. So if you do feel a battle coming on and you have to speak, pray or preach against something it NEEDS to be by using the Scriptures and needs to be covered in peace. The peace that surpasses understanding.

Share the Load - People in the community can rise up and help plan food and snacks for services if your community decides to have that be apart. Please do not make the Community Builder do all the work.

Again, Share the Load - The Community as a whole needs to do hospital visitations or meals to people in the community that are sick etc etc etc. Please do not make the Community Builders to all the work.

Always Share the Load - Community Builders are not paid by Imagine Church. They are apart of the community just like you. They have jobs and have to pay bills just like you. Please look for ways to help the community as much as you can so that the Community Builders are not doing all the work.

Informal Missionaries (Every Member Gospel Ministry concept) from the "Center Church" book - by Tim Kellor

Practicals and Q&A

What about when a home gets too small? How many people should be in a community? Or How many people/families on a zoom call?

This is different for every case... But one thing we would say is that once a community hits 15ish people they should start thinking and planning how they can multiply into 2 communities. One big reason for this is because it is hard for more then about 15 people to really do community together well. Where everyone really is comfortable with each other, can talk about deep things etc. Who is your assistant CB? Who can take a couple people with them and start a community in their living room?

Same goes for virtual (Zoom) communities. After about 9-10 boxes on the screen it gets harder in discussion times to really interact and go deep. I would say after about 6-7 people/families on one zoom call it is time to start thinking about how to multiply into 2 separate Imagine Communities. Who is your assistant CB? Who can take over your call while you take a few with you and start another one?

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.

