



THE BACENTA MANUAL



**“The art of beginning a Bacenta is the art of
witnessing, following up and gathering sheep
together”**

- Dag Heward-Mills

The Mega Church Chapter 8

Witnessing

*Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, **witnessing** both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come: That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.*

Acts 26:22-23

Following Up

*While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: **those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost...***

John 17:12

Gathering

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Matthew 18:20

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WITNESSING

Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Acts 2:47

A person cannot truly be added to a church unless he is saved. Many people try to add members to their church without actually ensuring that they have found salvation. A church can only be started with true evangelism leading to true salvation.

When witnessing is set aside, the result is a group of people gathered in a room whose hearts and spirits are spiritually dead.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Jeremiah 17:9

When people are saved, their hearts respond to the word of God and to the Holy Spirit. When a person gets saved, he may seem the same on the outside, but his inner man has been completely transformed and has become responsive to God. It is our job to lead people to Christ, and then the Lord can add them as stable members of the Bacenta.

Elements of Effective Witnessing

1. Witnessing And Prayer

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

It is recommended that especially during the season when a Bacenta is started, every Bacenta leader should spend a number of hours every day in deep prayer. The Apostle Paul is teaching us that for men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, Christians must be in prayer.

Although God's will is that all men should be saved, God requires us to ask him for the souls of lost men.

Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth

*for thy possession.
Psalms 2:8*

When a Christian goes on outreach without efforts in prayer, the word of God does not have access to people's hearts. The blockages and barriers to a person's soul are only broken by prayer.

*Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:
2 Thessalonians 3:1*

2. Witnessing With The Word of God

*But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.
1 Peter 1:25*

Preaching the gospel is different from inviting people to your church or Bacenta service. Preaching the gospel is different from bringing people on a bus to church. Preaching the gospel is different from convincing people that God is real. The word of God is the only tool that has the power to save people. Many people fail to successfully lead people to Christ because they don't use the actual verses in scripture to preach the gospel. There is no excellent speech or wisdom that can be used to preach the cross of Jesus Christ.

*And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.
1 Corinthians 2:1*

The book 'How You Can Preach Salvation' by Dag Heward-Mills is an excellent tool which every Bacenta leader must use to learn to preach a scripture-based gospel. Bacenta Leaders must not just try to convince people to come to church but must quote actual scripture and use the verses in the bible to evangelize.

- The word of God is what makes people trust or believe your message.

*In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,
Ephesians 1:13*

- The word breaks down the hard hearts of unsaved men.

*Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?
Jeremiah 23:29*

3. Witnessing With Your Testimony

And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.
Acts 10:42

Part of witnessing is to tell the story of what God has done in your personal life. This is your testimony. The bible calls us witnesses because we are to tell what we have seen and experienced of the grace, love and forgiveness of God.

- You must not be ashamed of your testimony

Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;
2 Timothy 1:8

- The work of Satan is overcome by your testimony.

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.
Revelation 12:10-11

- Your testimony will serve as counsel and advice for many people.

Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors.
Psalms 119:24

4. Witnessing With The Partnership Of The Holy Spirit

And he saith unto them, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
Matthew 4:19

The disciples became great soul winners because of their intimate fellowship and communion with Jesus while he was on earth. Jesus told the disciples that he had to leave, but he would send another just like him (John 14:16). It is only through a deep

connection to the Lord, as well as following his direction and guidance that will make you a true soul winner.

God never intended for the work of witnessing to be done in the strength of the flesh.

The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to

*Israel, and forgiveness of sins. **And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost**, whom God hath given to them that obey him.*

Acts 5:30-32

*But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even **the Spirit of truth**, which proceedeth from the Father, **he shall testify of me:***

***And ye also shall bear witness**, because ye have been with me from the beginning.*

John 15:26-27

The Work of The Holy Spirit In Witnessing

I. The Holy Spirit Gives Us A Compassion For The Lost.

*But thanks be to God, which put **the same earnest care** into the heart of Titus for you.*

2 Corinthians 8:16

Without the Holy Spirit you will never care about the lost souls that Jesus died for. When a Bacenta leader does not have deep fellowship with the Holy Spirit he will only care about his life, his job, his problems, his relationships and anything else to do with himself. In Acts 10, the Holy Spirit led Peter to care about the souls of gentiles. A Jew would not naturally care about the welfare of Gentiles, the Holy Spirit put in him a compassion and a desire to see Gentiles saved. As you spend time every day with the Holy Spirit fellowshiping and talking with him, he will place in your heart a desire for the lost. Without this, you will lose interest in soul winning very quickly. You will get tired of the work of looking after God's sheep and you may even find it a bother. But if you spend time with the Lord, you will always hear him say to your heart 'Feed my sheep'.

II. The Holy Spirit Gives Wisdom For Witnessing.

*The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and **he that winneth souls is wise.***

Proverbs 11:30

Jesus described witnessing as fishing for men. A lay man may be deceived into thinking that to fish is to just throw a net or a hook into water, but much wisdom is needed for fishing. A fisherman must know when to fish, he must know where to fish, he must know what bait to use and so on.

Similarly in fishing for men, a Bacenta leader must receive wisdom from the Holy Spirit on which souls to reach out to, he must know when, he must know which scriptures to use, and how exactly to lead someone to Christ.

The story of the Ethiopian eunuch's conversion best describes how the Holy Spirit imparts to us wisdom for soul winning.

Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of

many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city.

Acts 8:5-8

And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, -- Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. -- The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

Acts 8:26-39

Philip had just finished a great evangelistic campaign in Samaria. The results were undeniable, demons were cast out, sicknesses were healed and many were saved. Conventional or earthly wisdom will dictate that Philip continued preaching in Samaria where he was seeing results. Alternatively he could have continued in his citywide campaigns in other major cities in the area. But the Holy Spirit directed him outside of the city where there were fewer people. In fact the Bible tells us that the Spirit told Philip to join himself to the chariot of a single lonely Ethiopian eunuch. This is because the Holy Spirit knew that the eunuch was already reading about Jesus from the book of Isaiah. The

Holy Spirit knew his high social status in Ethiopian society. The Holy Spirit knew that this eunuch's conversion will lead to the salvation of millions in the African continent. The Holy Spirit knew that there was water nearby for the eunuch to be baptised. The Holy Spirit knew that Philip could preach salvation from the very verse that the eunuch was already reading. The wisdom that comes from the Holy Spirit leads to much more fruitful and successful witnessing than human intelligence.

III. The Holy Spirit Gives Us Power For Witnessing.

For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

1 Thessalonians 1:5

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:8

When you spend time with the Holy Spirit he gives us power so that people are not able to resist the gospel that we preach.

And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

Acts 6:10

IV. The Holy Spirit Convicts Unserved Men

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

John 16:7-11

For a person to be saved, the Holy Spirit must convince them that:

- They are sinful.

Most men proclaim their own goodness. Most people feel that they may have made a few mistakes but altogether they are good people. If a person does not believe that he is sinful then he has no need of a Savior. Christians who do not have the help of the Holy Spirit try to convince people that they are bad or sinful. But Jesus tells us that only the Holy Spirit can convict men of sin.

- True righteousness is only found in accepting Jesus.

Only the Holy Spirit can convince men that nothing they do makes them good or righteous. Only the Holy Spirit can convince men that the blood of Jesus is the only solution to righteousness. When you go witnessing you must rely on the Holy Spirit to convince men of their need for Jesus and the righteousness that is only found in him.

- That there is a judgement after death that no man can avoid.

Only the Holy Spirit can convince the hearts of men that there is an impending judgement for all their thoughts, actions, sins and decisions. The Holy Spirit will put the fear of God in men's hearts, and convince them to prepare for that day.

FOLLOW UP

*While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: **those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost...***

John 17:12

Elements of Effective Follow Up

1. Follow Up By Prayer

- Pray for Christ to be formed in your converts.

As stated in a preceding chapter, prayer is one of the elements of effective witnessing. We cannot be fruitful unless we pray. As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

Isaiah 66:8

What many Bacenta leaders don't realize is that you must pray again that Christ is formed in them.

My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,
Galatians 4:19

The first travailing is for them to be born again into the kingdom of God. The second, which is a follow up prayer is for Christ to form his very nature, character and person in each of the souls that God has given you.

*Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, **working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.***

Hebrews 13:21

- Pray against Satan taking your converts away.

*And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, **Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.***

Luke 22:31-32

This prayer stops Satan's plan to take back souls that have been saved. This prayer is to ensure that the faith of your new converts does not fail. That all the beliefs that they have acquired in God and in his word will not be lost. This prayer also

causes a conversion in their souls.

This prayer even causes your new converts to become a source of strength and encouragement to their friends and family.

- Pray for your souls to be established in your Bacenta and in your church.

*But **the God of all grace**, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, **make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.***

1 Peter 5:10

You will come to know that only the Holy Spirit can establish and settle people in your church. However, God is waiting for real shepherds and watchmen to stand in the gap and pray for the settlement and stability for souls in his church.

I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Isaiah 62:6-7

2. Follow Up By Visitation

In today's world, not everybody can be visited in their homes. This is because many young people don't live in homes where they can receive visitors. Also, people are not as welcoming to visits from people they don't know due to safety concerns. Where possible a home visit is always the ideal. But a Bacenta leader must learn to visit people at work, coffee shops, and any other suitable place.

*Thou hast granted me life and favour, and **thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.***

Job 10:12

When a shepherd visits the sheep, he preserves his spirit. The bible tells us how God did not only bring Israel out of Egypt but also preserved them. What is the use of saving Israel from the wickedness of Pharaoh and the dangers of the red sea only to allow them to perish from hunger in the wilderness. The great shepherd Jehovah not only saved the people of Israel but also preserved them. Visitation is preservation!

*And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet **was he preserved.***

Hosea 12:13

Elements of Effective Visitation

I. Love

Charity never faileth: *but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.*

1 Corinthians 13:8

The bible tells us that preachings fail, prayers cease, knowledge vanishes but love does not fail. Where our prayers end, our sermons fail and all the knowledge we have imparted to our sheep seems to disappear, the loving visit from a shepherd will always bring results. On visitation a Bacenta leader must aim to demonstrate the love and care he has for the soul that he/she is visiting.

II. The Word.

*For **the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.***

Hebrews 4:12

Every good shepherd skilfully imparts the word of God on a visit. A Bacenta leader must make sure his visit does not just become a social outing or a fun conversation. The word of God changes people. Using the word differentiates between the casual visit of a friend or family and the effective spiritual visitation of a shepherd.

III. Prayer

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

James 5:16

Every Bacenta leader must take the prayer at the end of every visitation session seriously. What you pray avails much. Pray for the soul to be established in church, pray for commitment, pray for spirituality, pray for God's blessing and so on. Whatever spiritual or physical need you see or discern on visitation must be dealt with in prayer.

3. Follow Up By Phone Calls

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

John 10:27

Jesus emphasized the importance of sheep hearing the voice of the shepherd. Modern technology allows us to do that with our telephone. Most people don't go anywhere without their phone. This means that a shepherd has mobile access to sheep at all times. There is a power in the sheep hearing the actual voice of their shepherd.

A shepherd whose voice is not known will not be followed. You will always be a stranger to your sheep until they hear your voice regularly.

*And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and **the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.***

John 10:4-5

During a phone call, every Bacenta leader must search for an opportunity to talk about Jesus, serving God, faithfulness to God etc. God opens doors of opportunity in different

conversations for you to be able to deliver a message from his word. Casual conversations can be turned into spiritual encounters by skilled shepherds.

*At the same time pray for us, too, that **God will open a door [of opportunity] to us for the word, to proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I have been imprisoned; that I may make it clear [and speak boldly and unfold the mystery] in the way I should.***
Colossians 4:3-4

4. Follow Up By WhatsApp Preaching

*Ye see how **large a letter I have written unto you** with mine own hand.*
Galatians 6:11

Every Bacenta leader must have a WhatsApp Group for all committed members in his fellowship.

People should not be added without their consent. Every Bacenta leader must develop the art of sharing and preaching by typing messages into the group. The Apostle Paul used letters to write to the church because at the time this was the easiest way to write to his churches. Today our messaging platforms are faster and easier to use to write to the church.

- WhatsApp preaching will keep your members from sin.

*My little children, these things **write I unto you, that ye sin not.** And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:*
1 John 2:1

- Whatsapp Preaching will bring joy to your church.

*And these things **write we unto you, that your joy may be full.***
1 John 1:4

- WhatsApp preaching will keep your members in the faith.

*Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, **it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith** which was once delivered unto the saints.*
Jude 1:3

- WhatsApp preaching is a great way to reemphasise sermons that have already been taught in church.

*Brethren, **I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment** which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.*
1 John 2:7

- WhatsApp preaching works for all ages.

*I write unto you, **little children**, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. I write unto you, **fathers**, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, **young men**, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, **little children**, because ye have known the Father. I have written unto you, **fathers**, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, **young men**, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.*
1 John 2:12-14

GATHERING

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.
Matthew 18:20

Two Levels of Gathering

There are two levels of gathering:

- Gathering at the Bacenta fellowship service
- Gathering at the Sunday service

*And daily **in the temple, and in every house**, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.*
Acts 5:42

Elements of Effective Gathering (Anagkazo)

*And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and **compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.***
Luke 14:23

In the parable of the great supper, the Lord asked his servant to compel people to come in to fill his house. We learn about the power of anagkazo gathering from this story in scripture.

Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the

city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

Luke 14:16-23

1. Prepare A Great Supper.

*Then said he unto him, A certain man **made a great supper**, and bade many: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for **all things are now ready**.*

Luke 14:16-17

Before the servant was sent out to bring people to the service, the scripture tells us that a great meal was prepared and all things were made ready. The first step in gathering is to make sure that all things are ready and that a great meal of God's word has been prepared. This will include things such as:

- Venue of the service. Find a suitable venue for your fellowship service before you start your first month activities.
- Quality of the service.
- Quality of the sermon that will be preached

It is worth noting that a good meal can only be gotten from fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

Luke 11:5-6

A Bacenta leader must prepare properly to preach at each service. This is the first step to gathering people.

2. Influence And Reach Out To Many People.

*Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and **bade many**:*

Luke 14:16

When you reach out, you cannot speak to just a few people. On outreach, I recommend leading at least 7 people to salvation, this may mean attempting to reach out to 25 people. You will have to be ready to speak to a lot of people if you will be a successful gatherer.

Plant your seed in the morning and keep busy all afternoon, for you don't know if profit will come from one activity or another—or maybe both.

Ecclesiastes 11:6 (NLT)

3. Never Cancel A Service.

And they all with one consent began to make excuse. *The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.*
Luke 14:18-21

A true gatherer is not discouraged by initial failure. God is looking for people who are not afraid of failure.

*Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But **none of these things move me**, neither count I my life dear unto myself, **so that***

I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, *which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.*
Acts 20:23-24

*We are troubled on every side, yet **not distressed**; we are perplexed, but **not in despair**;*
2 Corinthians 4:8

4. Overcome People's Excuses And Lies.

And they all with one consent began to make excuse. *The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.*
Luke 14:18-21

An effective gatherer is able to overcome the excuses and lies that most people give. You will find that being adept at using scriptures to convince people is an effective strategy.
For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.
Acts 18:28

5. Go Outside of Your Usual Circle of Friends And Comfort.

*And the lord said unto the servant, **Go out** into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.*
Luke 14:23

It's easier and more comfortable to speak to your friends or even people that are like you

but a Bacenta leader must be able to relate with people who are not like him. This is because few people are like you in this world.

Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.
Colossians 3:11

Every shepherd must remember that there are other sheep that are not of your fold. The people who God has called you to lead and bring to church who are not like you. Some of your sheep that God has called you to lead may not have the same level of education, financial status, relationship status, race, or tribe as you.

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.
John 10:16

A Bacenta leader must develop boldness to walk up to people who are not like you or who seem different from you. Do not be turned away by their dressing, hair, race, background and so on.

6. Returning To The Master

People cannot be gathered for God without prayer. A recurring feature of this story is the servant returning to the master.

- We see that it is when he spends time with the master that he is sent out to invite people to come to God's house (Luke 14:17). This was the same with Paul and Barnabas (Acts 13:4), even if we receive our commission from a man, it is when we spend time with God that we are truly sent out into ministry.
- The servant returned to the master after he failed (Luke 14:21).
- He returned to the master after he had obeyed and was still not seeing the results he expected (Luke 14:22).

Contact and connections with the Holy Spirit makes everything in ministry work.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations For Witnessing

When starting a Bacenta:

- Every Bacenta leader should outreach at least 3 days in a week.
- Every Bacenta leader must aim to lead at least 5 people to say the sinners prayer at each outreach.

- Every Bacenta leader must use scriptures and their personal testimony on every outreach (see above).
- Every Bacenta leader must spend at least one hour in prayer every day for at least a month.
- After the first month, evangelism must continue as often, and aim to win at least 5 souls per evangelism session.

Recommendations For Follow Up

When starting a Bacenta:

- For the first month, every Saturday must be used for visitation. You must aim to visit every soul that you led to Christ that week. Visits must be aimed at encouraging members to attend both the Bacenta fellowship service and the Sunday Gathering Service.
- For the first month, every Saturday must be used for phone calls. You must aim to call every soul that you led to Christ that week.
- Every Bacenta leader must form his whatsapp group and add on people who commit to being members of the church. There must be regular whatsapp preaching from 'How To Be A Strong Christian', 'Key Facts' and any other books in the Makarios.
- After the first month, visitation should be once a month and aim to cover all converts and members.
- Phone calls must persist beyond the first month. Shepherds should aim to have the sheep hear their voice weekly.

Recommendations For Gathering

When starting a Bacenta:

- Every Bacenta leader must aim to have at least 8 people at every Bacenta fellowship service for the first month.
- Every Bacenta leader must aim to bus 8 people to church for the first month.
- Every Bacenta leader must study, pray for and preach on salvation at every Bacenta fellowship service for the first month.
- After the first month, Bacenta leaders must stick to the 527 outline for all fellowships.

CALENDAR FOR STARTING A BACENTA

Recommendation for The First Month'

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5:00am - 6:00am	PRAYER	PRAYER	PRAYER	PRAYER	PRAYER	PRAYER	PRAYER
8:30am- (TIME IS RELATIVE TO START OF SERVICE)							PRE- MOBILIZATION PRAYER MEETING (SHORT + PICTURE)
11:00am						FOLLOW UP PHONE CALLS	GATHERING & BUSSING FOR SUNDAY SERVICE
2:00pm - 4:00pm						VISITATION	
4:00pm - 5:00pm						BACENTA MEETING	

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