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Huddle Guide



What is a Huddle?

A huddle is a space designed to regularly support and encourage missional people before being sent back on the field.

**HUDDLES ARE OUR PITSTOPs.
THEY ARE NOT OUR DESTINATION.**

What are the 3 sections of a huddle?

LOOKING BACK

20-30 minutes

In this section we look back at what happened since the last time together.

LOOKING UP

20-30 minutes

In this section we look up for God's wisdom through scripture, discussion and prayer.

LOOKING FORWARD

20-30 minutes

In this section we look forward to the missional opportunities ahead.

Worship Community Mission

It's the chemistry of worship, community, and mission that brings the kingdom of heaven near. This is certainly true in our missional endeavors, but it is also true in our huddles. A huddle is not a Bible Study or social time. Each section of the huddle (back, up and forward) is an intentional opportunity to embrace the chemistry of worship, community and mission.

COMMUNITY

Looking Back

CELEBRATE

People replicate what leaders celebrate. Be intentional about setting a positive precedent.

Example: Fishbowl and post-it notes. Use the first 5 minutes each week to fill the fishbowl with post-it notes of small victories.

BE TIME CONSCIOUS

When it comes to people sharing their life, time can slip away quickly. Sometimes it is necessary to abandon the schedule, but this cannot be what each time together is characterized by.

Example: Set a timer on your phone.

Looking Up

BE INTERACTIVE

Nothing creates interaction more than questions.

Example: Use the Discovery Bible Study format.

ALLOW SPACE FOR GOD

The Holy Spirit speaks loudest when we are the quietest.

Example: Carve out a time for silence. You may be surprised how even 2 minutes of silence can be the most powerful part of your meeting.

MISSION

Looking Forward

BE ENCOURAGING

Mission work is not for the faint of heart.
We are all fragile and need constant
encouragement.

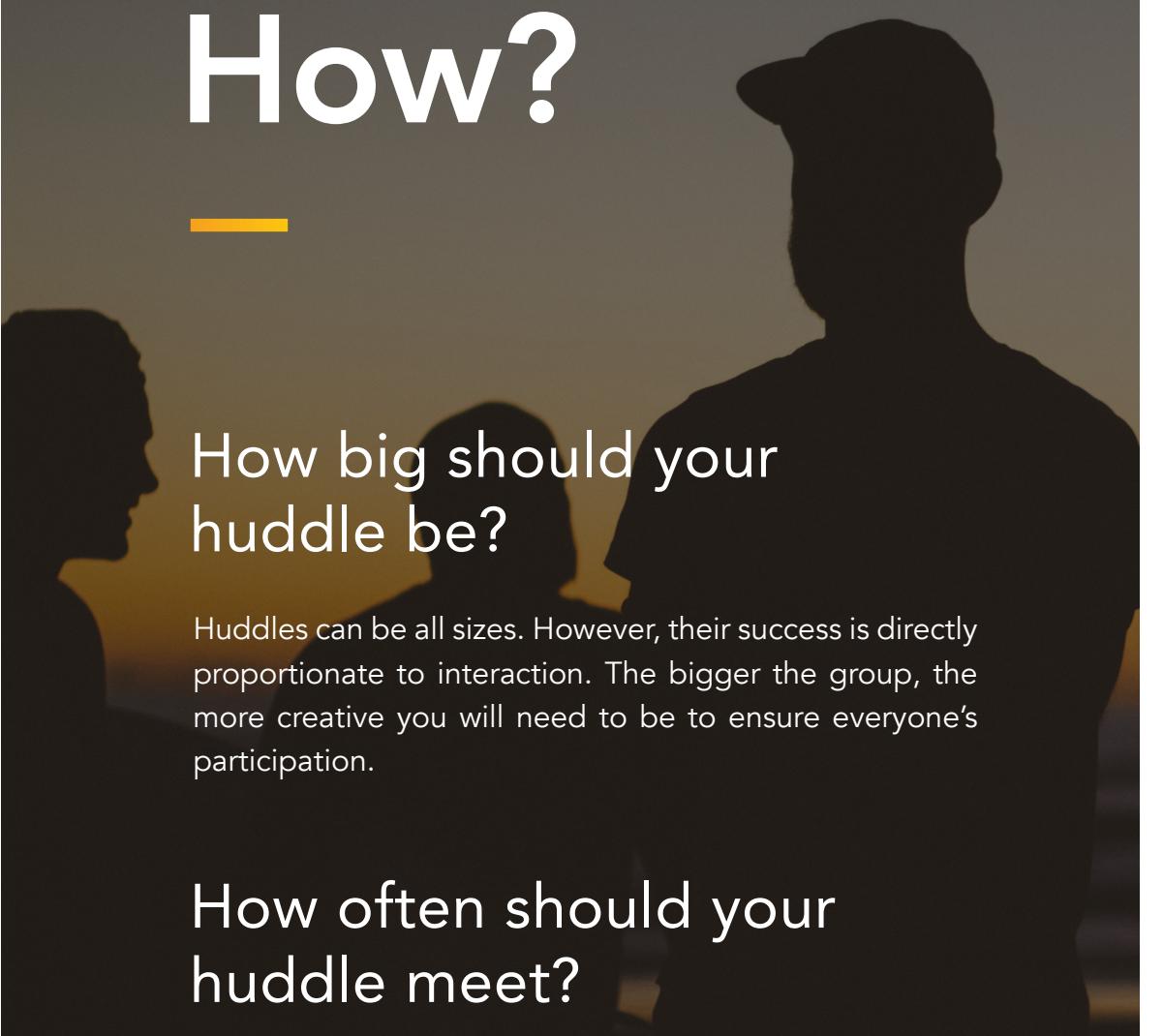
Example: Create a designated "hot seat."
Allow for the entire group to speak positive
truths over the one sitting in that chair.

GET SPECIFIC

In order to move our missions along, we need
accountability toward tangible goals.

Example: Send a follow up text reminding
everyone of their action steps.

How?



How big should your huddle be?

Huddles can be all sizes. However, their success is directly proportionate to interaction. The bigger the group, the more creative you will need to be to ensure everyone's participation.

How often should your huddle meet?

As much as you want. We recommend that you meet on a monthly basis. This allows your mission to develop between check-ins.

How diverse should your huddle be?

APEST FULL

EPHESIANS 4:11-13

If we want our huddles to *attain to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ*, we must give space for all gifts to be present.

Instead of giving one person authority over the huddle, we suggest assigning five people to be caretakers of the dugout.

Caretakers of...

TRUTH (Teacher)

PEOPLE (Shepherd)

THE GOSPEL (Evangelist)

HEARTS (Prophet)

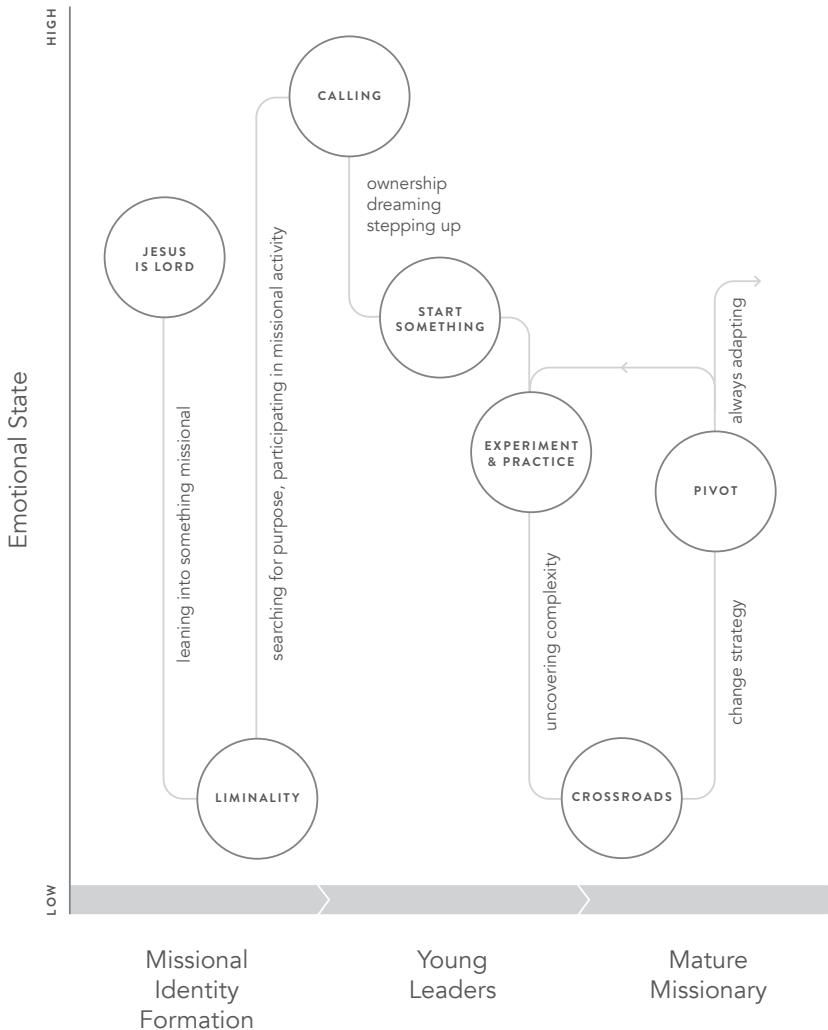
EXPANSION (Apostle)

We Need Each Other

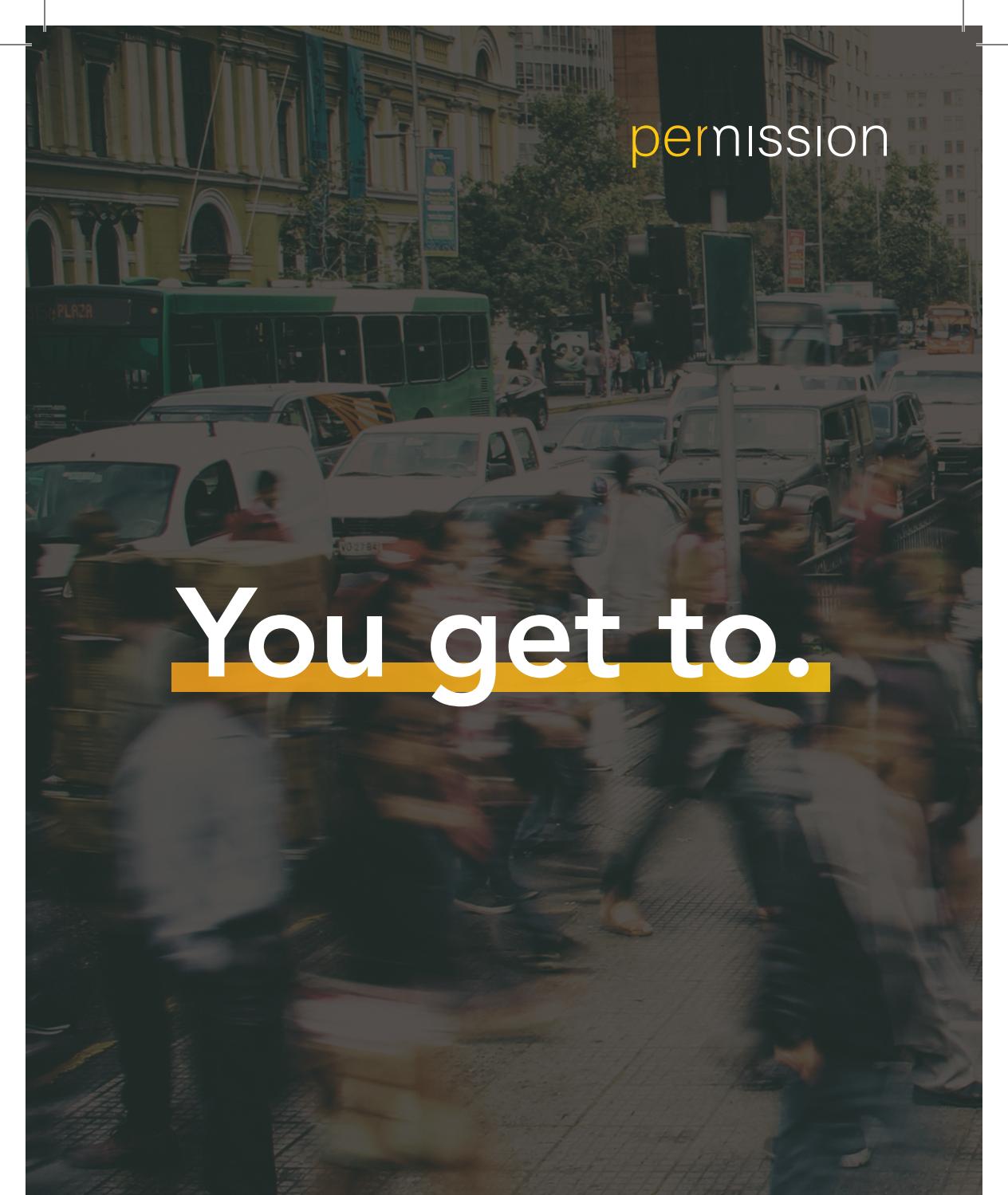
The following is a chart depicting the journey all missional leaders go through.

Most journeys never advance to the pivot without a community of fellow pioneers.

MISSIONAL JOURNEY



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