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Movement Manual

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MOVEMENT

Jesus did not come to establish an institution as much as to release a movement where everyone is engaged. This sets in stark contrast to our western way. If we want to see His kingdom come, we must do more than invite people to church. A movement of God can't be outsourced. Rather, we need to awaken and empower ordinary people to live a life worthy of the calling they have received.

This booklet is highly practical and intended to develop your unique missional game-plan.



HOW WE START

The primary reason most promising ideas, convictions, and plans fail is because they never get off the ground. Don't let this be your story. You've already spent ample time clarifying your mission and finding your people. Now it is time to make your move.

So...

Don't stress over unanswered questions.

Don't obsess about concrete plans.

Don't rush into finding a teammate.

As you follow in the footsteps of Jesus, shed the burdens of 'have to' and embrace the peace of a 'get to' lifestyle that only he can bring.

Here is a simple way to get you out of the starting gate.

Learn the NAMES and NEEDS of those you are serving. God will grant you clarity from there.

It's time to make your move!

The Five Methodolog of Jesus

Once you have a foundational footing, it's imperative that you move.

Jesus has a track record of rewarding the doers of our world. This Booklet highlights the way Jesus moved about with intentionality while here on earth and how we too can walk in the way he has shown us.

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Pray

BEING BEFORE DOING.
LISTENING BEFORE MOVING.

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THE WHOLE REASON WHY WE PRAY IS TO BE UNITED INTO THE VISION AND CONTEMPLATION OF GOD TO WHOM WE PRAY.

- Julian Of Norwich

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GOD SPEAKS IN THE SILENCE OF THE HEART. LISTENING IS THE BEGINNING OF PRAYER.”

- Mother Teresa

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WHETHER WE REALIZE IT OR NOT, PRAYER IS THE ENCOUNTER OF GOD'S THIRST WITH OURS. GOD THIRSTS THAT WE MAY THIRST FOR HIM.

- St. Augustine

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YOU CAN'T SHARE WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE.

- Michele DeVille

What Jesus Did

"But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray." Luke 5:16

"After bidding them farewell, He left for the mountain to pray." Mark 6:46

Jesus prayed, "Your Kingdom come, your will be done." Mathew 6:10

A PRACTICAL THOUGHT

**Prayer walks allow us to tangibly mimic the way of Jesus.
Divine direction seems to find the people who often move
through their neighborhood while praying big prayers.**

**Pray for unnoticed names, unredeemed places, and unresolved
problems. When in doubt just pray, "Your kingdom come."**

➤ EXAMPLES

- A husband and wife prayer walking through their neighborhood after dinner.
- Two moms prayer walking around their kids school in the morning.
- Two employees praying for their workplace during lunch hour.

Engage

CHAOS BEFORE ORDER.

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SOME WISH TO LIVE WITHIN THE SOUND OF CHURCH AND CHAPEL BELL. I WANT TO RUN A RESCUE SHOP WITHIN A YARD OF HELL!

- C.T. Studd

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THE GOSPEL IS ONLY GOOD NEWS IF IT GETS THERE IN TIME.

- Carl F.H. Henry

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NEVER PITY MISSIONARIES; ENVY THEM. THEY ARE WHERE THE REAL ACTION IS – WHERE LIFE AND DEATH, SIN AND GRACE, HEAVEN AND HELL CONVERGE.

- Robert C. Shannon

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I HAVE BUT ONE CANDLE OF LIFE TO BURN, AND I WOULD RATHER BURN IT OUT IN A LAND FILLED WITH DARKNESS THAN IN A LAND FLOODED WITH LIGHT.

- John Keith Falconer

What Jesus Did

"Now he had to go through Samaria." John 4:4

"While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him." Mark 2:15

A PRACTICAL THOUGHT

**Culture is a powerful thing that comes with strong borders.
Should we expect unchurched people to jump into a culture of church or to expect transformed people to engage with the culture of the world?**

We need to resist the urge to silo our lives. People are not projects. Service is not reduced to a time slot. Engagement is just allowing the whole of your life to overlap.

Food is our most powerful common denominator. How are you leveraging your 27 meals per week?

EXAMPLES

- Attend happy hour.
- Go to the pool.
- Join a gym.
- Throw good parties.

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ASK

SELF-DISCOVERY BEFORE FORMAL TRAINING.

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AND WE SHOULD NOT DO ALL THIS WITH THE PURPOSE OF PREPARING THEM TO REPEAT THE TEACHINGS AND PERFORM RITES, BUT THAT THEY MAY ACQUIRE THE POWER TO MAKE THE ORIGINAL CHOICE, THAT LISTENING TO THE VOICE WITH THAT POWER-THEY MAY HEAR THE MESSAGE IT HAS FOR THEIR HOUR AND THEIR WORK THAT THEY MAY LEARN TO TRUST THE VOICE, AND THROUGH THIS TRUST, COME TO FAITH, TO A FAITH OF THEIR OWN.

- Martin Buber

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THE ART AND SCIENCE OF ASKING QUESTIONS IS THE SOURCE OF ALL KNOWLEDGE.

- Thomas Berger

What Jesus Did

Jesus knew all things and yet he asked at least 307 questions.
Here are few of them.

Why are you so afraid? -Jesus Mathew 8:26

Do you want to get well? -Jesus John 5:6

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" -Jesus Mathew 16:15

A PRACTICAL THOUGHT

Statements repel. Questions invite. Here is a practical and disarming approach. Intentionally move people through questions that are casual- meaningful- spiritual and then discovery based.

Discovery Bible studies are a good end goal for those around us. They are a simple, reproducible, and powerful approach to spiritual self-discovery. Discovery Bible studies require no prep. The questions are always the same.

From this text...

What do we learn about God?
What do we learn about people?
What do you feel compelled to do?
Who do you want to share your discovery with?

➤ EXAMPLES

- Casual- Do you follow any sports teams?
- Meaningful- What do you love most about your family? What would you change?
- Spiritual- What is your spiritual background?
- Discovery- Would you have any interest in joining my Discovery Group?

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Invest

TIME BEFORE INFORMATION.

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THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR TIME.

-Unknown

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I'M VERY PICKY WITH WHOM I GIVE MY ENERGY TO. I PREFER TO RESERVE MY TIME, INTENSITY AND SPIRIT EXCLUSIVELY TO THOSE WHO REFLECT SINCERITY.

-Dau Voire

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IN THE WORLD OF INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP, HOLY MOMENTS FIND THEIR ESSENCE IN SHARED TRIPS TO WALMART.

- Unknown

What Jesus Did

"He called to him those he wanted, and they came to him that they might be with him" Mark 3:13

"Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave." Matthew 10:11

A PRACTICAL THOUGHT

It is crucial that we choose the right people to invest in.

***People that are in the church should be *Faithful, Available, and Teachable. (FAT)* They should also be displaying the fruit of the spirit.**

People outside of church should be hungry for God. Jesus called them *worthy people or people of peace. (POP)

➤ EXAMPLES

Take *FAT* or *POP* people along with you as you....

- Run/ fish/ bike.
- Serve at the prison
- Volunteer at the school.

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Release

AUTHORITY BEFORE ASSIGNMENT.

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TO GIVE AN ASSIGNMENT IS TO MAINTAIN SAFETY AND PRESERVE PREDICTABILITY. TO GIVE AUTHORITY IS TO WELCOME THE UNKNOWN.

- Unknown

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LEADERSHIP IS ABOUT EMPOWERING OTHERS TO ACHIEVE THINGS THEY DID NOT THINK POSSIBLE.

- Simon Sinek

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WITH THE CREATOR GOD AS OUR FATHER, HOW DID WE EVER BECOME THE SOCIALLY CONSERVATIVE STIFLERS OF INNOVATION THAT WE ARE SO NOTORIOUSLY PERCEIVED TO BE?

- Alan Hirsch

What Jesus Did

"He appointed twelve[a] that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach 15 and to have authority to drive out demons." Mark 3:14-15

"18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. 19 Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." Mark 5:18-19

Jesus released authority to the 12, to the 72 and to all the believers at the Great Commission.

A PRACTICAL THOUGHT

Jesus continually sent people before they appeared ready. This sort of releasing is where multiplication takes place. It often feels premature and thus requires trusting the Spirit more than ourselves.

EXAMPLE

- Encourage someone to lead a Discovery Bible study, preach, or organize a mission regardless of their previous experience.

CHAORDIC

← CHAOS (Sodality)		TWO	
CHURCH IN THE WILD	THREE PARTS	MOBILE	
		TAKES NEW GROUND	
		REPRODUCES EASILY	
		DE-CENTRALIZED	
		NARROW FOCUS	
		PIONEERING	
		EXPANSION DRIVEN	
WORSHIP / COMMUNITY / MISSION		FIVE	
APOSTLES		PROPHETS	
THEIR PASSION:	EXPANSION	INTIMACY WITH GOD	
THEIR FUEL:	VISION	HOLY SPIRIT	
THEIR ROLE:	EMPOWERMENT	INSIGHT	
WHAT OTHERS SAY:	"I CAN DO IT!"	"I LOVE GOD!"	
DESCRIPTORS	FOUNDER	EMPATHETIC	
	VISIONARY	PASSIONATE	
	PIONEER	ETHICAL	
	DESIGNER	ARTISTIC	
	STRATEGIC	ACTIVIST	
	INNOVATIVE	MEANING MAKER	

TENSION

SIDES

 ORDER (Modality)

LOCAL

HOME-BASED

STABLE

CENTRALIZED

MULTI-TASKS

ESTABLISHED

CARE-DRIVEN

ORDER

CHURCH IN THE HUDDLE

THREE PARTS

FUNCTIONS

WORSHIP / COMMUNITY / MISSION

EVANGELISTS

SHEPHERDS

TEACHERS

GOSPEL-CLARITY

BELONGING

TRUTH

NON-CHRISTIANS

RELATIONSHIPS

BIBLE

COMPASSION

UNITY

LEARNING

"I LOVE PEOPLE"

"EVERYONE'S IMPORTANT!"

"I HUNGER FOR THE WORD"

MESSENGER

CARE-GIVER

THINKER

INSPIRER

DEFENDER

OBSERVER

INFECTIOUS

HELPER

GUIDE

STORY TELLER

SOCIAL

ANALYTICAL

UNIFIER

COMMUNAL

CRITICAL

COMMUNAL

PROTECTIVE

INSIGHTFUL

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IF WE CANNOT MULTIPLY CHURCHES, WE WILL NEVER SEE A MOVEMENT. IF WE CANNOT MULTIPLY LEADERS WE WILL NEVER MULTIPLY CHURCHES. IF WE CANNOT MULTIPLY DISCIPLES, WE WILL NEVER MULTIPLY LEADERS. THE WAY TO SEE A TRUE CHURCH MULTIPLICATION MOVEMENT IS TO MULTIPLY HEALTHY DISCIPLES, THEN LEADERS, THEN CHURCHES, AND FINALLY MOVEMENTS-IN THAT ORDER.

- Neil Cole

KEEP MOVING.

To live out your personal mission is to embrace a journey of ups and downs. As time goes on, your mission will likely morph. When experimenting in new territory, often the only way to learn is to fail. Don't allow setbacks to become excuses for giving up, but rather opportunities to pivot.

Keeping a positive mindset can be tough. That's why it is so important for you to keep close those people who understand you and believe in your calling. As odd as it might sound, a community that sincerely celebrates one another's failures is a community that will foster resilience and growth.

WE HAVE PERMISSION.

God is awakening people all over the world to a grander vision, to a realization that our unique gifts and passions are intertwined with his magnificent mission. Consequently, our most significant and satisfying contribution to this world is anchored in simply listening to Jesus and doing what He says.

So what are you excited about? What keeps you up at night? What holy discontent has been growing within you? The answer to these questions is likely the start of a beautiful and unique expression of the gospel in your context. In our structured world of church, we often don't believe we have the right to initiate something new. But Jesus clearly has empowered us for more. "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you" (John 20:21 ESV)..



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