

# I N F U S I O N # 8

## THE TWO-DEGREE RULE

Outreach Influence Team

### Meeting Preparation

For the best experience of learning and transformation, please take time to do the following three things:

**Read:** *Organic Outreach for Churches*

- Chapter 8 - “The Two-Degree Rule”

**Pray:** Ask God to help you honestly evaluate how each ministry you lead is impacting those who are far from Jesus. Pray for creativity and tenacity as you seek to move ministries two-degrees into your community.

**Action:** Make a list of every ministry you oversee (or are engaged in) and make bullet points of how this ministry is doing outreach as well as a list of ways you might vector this ministry out into your community to become more intentionally evangelistic.

## Infusion Focus

In this Cluster Meeting, we will focus on understanding and implementing the Two-Degree Rule. The key is to see where God is moving and identify ministries that are effective and seek to direct every one of these a couple of degrees into your community.





## Opening Scripture and Prayer

**Read:** Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8 (3 minutes for Scripture and prayer)

**Pray:** For the Spirit of God to fill your team with creativity, boldness, and vision as you move your existing ministries out into your community and the world. And, for great ministry to blossom and thrive so that the believers in your church grow into mature disciples.

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### **The One-Degree Rule: Three Minutes to Share It** (7 minutes)

Break into pairs and share.

- What is your personal outreach temperature right now?
- What is your ministry outreach temperature right now?
- What is one way you will raise your temperature in the coming week?

### **My Infusion Strategy: Follow-up** (5 minutes)

Break into pairs and take two minutes to share how you have been implementing your OIT infusion into your Level 4 leaders.

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**Share:** Have a number of your cluster members offer to share a ministry outreach story about someone who has come closer to Jesus or placed faith in the Savior through a ministry you have directed out into the community. Or, share about a ministry in your church that really welcomes lost people to come and engage in natural ways. Describe how God is using this ministry to draw people closer to the heart of Jesus.  
(12 minutes)

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**Learning Theme: The Two-Degree Rule**  
(18 minutes)

Watch [\*The Two-Degree Rule\*](#) video (4:50 minutes)

**Discuss:**

- Why is it so easy for us to become inwardly focused and miss opportunities to leverage our existing ministries for evangelistic impact?
- What are some ways we can begin to move existing ministries outward with a greater evangelistic focus?
- Why is it important to think about the Two-Degree Rule when we begin a new ministry in the church?
- Share about one ministry you lead or influence and how you can vector what you do outward two degrees and reach new people who are far from Jesus.

Watch the [\*What About Us?\*](#) video (3:07 minutes)

**Discuss:**

- How can we help people who may be fearful about the increase of outreach leading to less discipleship and ministry to them and their family members?
  - How can we be caring and pastoral, but also firm and bold when we talk with people who are pushing back against the church directing attention to the people who are not yet part of your church?
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## Planning

### Discussion and Collaboration: (12 minutes)

What is coming up in the next six months that is churchwide (all-hands-on-deck) outreach?

- Who is leading the event (what ministry owns it)?
- How can you work together (what will each ministry team do, how will they fully engage)?
- How can you pray for this event?

What is coming up in your specific area of ministry in the next three to six months that is focused on outreach?

- How can other ministry leaders and teams support you and help you bear great kingdom fruit?
- How can we all be praying for you?

**My Infusion Strategy:** How will I infuse what I learned this month into my Level 4 Ministry Leaders?

**Identify:**

Person/Group/Team

**Write Down:**

Infusion Strategy/Action

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**Closing Prayer:** Pray together for... (2 minutes)

- Deep commitment in your church to always care for those who are believers and provide great opportunities to grow Christians deeper in their faith.
- Eyes that see how existing ministries can be vectored out into your community.
- Commitment to think about outreach every time you innovate a new ministry at your church.



**Read:** Matthew 28:19-20 (3 minutes for Scripture and prayer)

**Pray:** For the Spirit of God to fill your team with creativity, boldness, and vision as you move your existing ministries out into your community and the world.

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**The One-Degree Rule: Two Minutes to Share It**  
(5 minutes)

Break into pairs and share.

- What is your personal outreach temperature right now?
  - What is one way you will raise your temperature in the coming week?
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**Share:** Have two of your group members offer to share a ministry outreach story about someone who has come closer to Jesus or placed faith in the Savior through one of your church ministries that has been directed out into the community. (5 minutes)

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## Learning Theme: The Two-Degree Rule (10 minutes)

Watch the [\*Two-Degree Rule\*](#) video (4:50 minutes)

### Discuss:

- Why is it so easy for us to become inwardly focused and miss opportunities to leverage our existing ministries for evangelistic impact?
  - What are some ways we can begin to move existing ministries outward with greater evangelistic focus?
  - Share about one ministry you lead or influence and how you can vector what you do outward two-degrees and reach new people who are far from Jesus.
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## Group Discussion and Collaboration (5 minutes)

What is coming up in your church in the next three to six months that is focused on outreach?

- How can you engage in this ministry to help you bear great kingdom fruit?
  - How can you be praying for this outreach opportunity?
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### Closing Prayer: Pray together for... (2 minutes)

- Deep commitment in your church to always care for those who are believers and provide great opportunities to grow Christians deeper in their faith.
- Eyes that see how existing ministries can be vectored out into your community.



**Read:** Matthew 28:19-20 (2 minutes for Scripture and prayer)

**Pray:** For the Spirit of God to fill your church with creativity, boldness, and vision as you move your existing ministries out into your community and the world.

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**The One-Degree Rule: One Minute to Share It**  
(3 minutes)

Break into pairs and share.

- What is your personal outreach temperature right now?
  - What is one way you can raise your temperature in the coming week?
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**Share:** Have one person share a ministry outreach story about someone who has come closer to Jesus or placed faith in the Savior through one of your church ministries that has been directed out into the community. (2 minutes)

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## Learning Theme: The Two-Degree Rule (5 minutes)

Watch the *Two-Degree Rule* video.

### Discuss:

- What are some ways we can begin to move existing ministries outward with a greater evangelistic focus?
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## Group Discussion and Collaboration (2 minutes)

What is one outreach event that is coming up in your church in the next three to six weeks?

- How can you engage in this ministry to help you bear great kingdom fruit?
  - How can you be praying for this outreach opportunity?
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### Closing Prayer: Pray together for... (1 minute)

- Eyes that see how existing ministries can be vectored out into your community.