

I N F U S I O N # 4

FROM PUSHPINS TO ORGANIC OUTREACH

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 5 - “Beyond Pushpins and Committees to Organic Outreach”

Pray: Ask God to help you see how outreach can be part of every ministry in your church and how this can change the culture of our church to become outreach-focused.

Action: Review the discussion questions at the end of Chapter 5 of *Organic Outreach for Churches* and be prepared to share at the Full Team Meeting. Make a list of the key leaders or influencers of each ministry listed on page 95 of *Organic Outreach For Churches* (OOC). Use figure 5 on page 96 of OOC and make a rough draft of your own church outreach diagram.

Infusion Focus

In this Full Team Meeting, we will dig into the vision of Organic Outreach and how to move the passion and practice of evangelism into the life of an entire church or Christian organization.





Opening Scripture and Prayer

Read: Acts 4:20 (4 minutes for Scripture and prayer)

Pray: Pray for minds and hearts that are open to be challenged and stretched by the Holy Spirit. Ask God to give you a fresh vision for evangelism that includes every Christian in your church.



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

Break into pairs and have each person take three minutes to share.

- What is your personal outreach temperature right now?
 - What is your ministry outreach temperature right now?
 - What is one way you can begin to raise your outreach temperature in the coming week, and how can the person you are paired with pray for you in your personal and church outreach?
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Share: Have a couple of your group members tell an outreach story where a Christian shared their faith in some way, and there was spiritual curiosity and interest. (10 minutes)



Learning Theme: Beyond Pushpins and Committees to Organic Outreach

Watch *The Evolution of Outreach* video (5 minutes)

Discuss: (15 minutes):

- Describe the dynamics of a “Push-Pin” approach to outreach where sending money and prayers far away is the main focus. What are the strengths of this approach, and what are its weaknesses?
 - Describe how a “Committee” approach to outreach works. How can this approach help a church move forward with outreach? What are some of the weaknesses of this structure of outreach?
 - How does Organic Outreach, where an entire church is mobilized for outreach right where God has placed them, create potential for great evangelistic fruitfulness?
 - What could happen in your church if every ministry had a serious focus on reaching out to people who are not yet followers of Jesus?
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Group Discussion and Collaboration (14 minutes)

What is coming up in the next six months that is **church-wide** (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?

Closing Prayer: Pray together for... (5 minutes)

- The leader of every ministry in your church to grow a passionate heart for outreach (in their area of ministry).
- Continued commitment to global missions that reach people with the Good News of Jesus.
- Your area of ministry to be infused with a passion for outreach and a commitment to reach out more than ever before.



Pray: For hearts that desire the mobilizing of your church for outreach and hearts that are open to be challenged and stretched by the Holy Spirit. Ask God to give you a fresh vision for evangelism that includes every Christian in your church.
(1 minute)



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

Break into pairs and have each person take two minutes to share.

- What is your personal outreach temperature right now?
 - What is your ministry outreach temperature right now?
 - What is one way you can begin to raise your outreach temperature in the coming week, and how can the person you are paired with pray for you in your personal and church outreach?
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Share: Have one of your group members tell an outreach story where a Christian shared their faith in some way, and it was well received, and there was spiritual curiosity and interest.
(3 minutes)



Learning Theme: Beyond Pushpins and Committees to Organic Outreach

Watch *The Evolution of Outreach* video (5 minutes)

Discuss: (7 minutes)

- How does Organic Outreach, where an entire church is mobilized for outreach right where God has placed them, create potential for great evangelistic fruitfulness?
 - What could happen in your church if every ministry had a serious focus on reaching out to people who are not yet followers of Jesus?
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Group Discussion and Collaboration (7 minutes)

- What is coming up in the next six months that is church-wide (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?
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Closing Prayer: Pray together for... (3 minutes)

- The leader of every ministry in your church to grow a passionate heart for outreach (in their area of ministry).
- Continued commitment to global missions that reach people with the Good News of Jesus.



Pray: (1 minute)

Pray for hearts to desire mobilizing a church for outreach and for hearts that are open to be challenged and stretched by the Holy Spirit. Ask God to give you a fresh vision for evangelism that includes every Christian in your church.



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

Break into pairs and have each person take two minutes to share.

- What is your personal outreach temperature right now?
 - What is one way you can begin to raise your outreach temperature in the coming week, and how can the person you are paired with pray for you in your personal and church outreach?
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Share: Have one of your group members tell an outreach story where a Christian shared their faith in some way, and it was well received with spiritual curiosity and interest.
(2 minutes)



Learning Theme: Beyond Pushpins and Committees to Organic Outreach

Discuss: (2 minutes)

- How does Organic Outreach, where an entire church is mobilized for outreach right where God has placed them, create potential for great evangelistic fruitfulness?
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Group Discussion and Collaboration (5 minutes)

What is one big event coming up in the next six months that is church-wide (all-hands-on-deck) outreach?

- How can you work together (what will each ministry team do, how will they fully engage)?
 - How can you pray for this event?
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Closing Prayer: Pray together for... (1 minute)

- The leader of every ministry in your church to grow a passionate heart for outreach (in their area of ministry).
- Continued commitment to global missions that reach people with the Good News of Jesus.