

Recipe For Success

Key Ingredients of a Dynamic Ministry

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Brainstorm around your table:

How are you involved in ministry? What are you looking to get out of this workshop?

I. A Passionate Leader

"Your worth to God in public is who you are in private" Oswald Chambers

II. Vision

BRAINSTORM: What is the vision/purpose of your ministry? What outcome do you want to see?

3 Tips

1. Make it in alignment with your church's vision
2. Make sure it stirs people's hearts – will they want to get behind it?
3. Make it simple and memorable!

"Anyone with a vision will tell you this is not merely something that could be done. This is something that should be done." Visioneering, by Andy Stanley

- a. Passion
- b. Motivation
- c. Direction
- d. Unity

III. Atmosphere of Acceptance

Brainstorm: What keeps this from happening?

IV. Meets People's Needs

Brainstorm: What are some of the things that can become "Sacred Cows" in women's Ministry?

How can you make change? What are the challenges of starting from scratch?

Discovering Women's Needs

1. As a Christian woman, what is your greatest personal need or area in which You would like to see yourself grow?
2. What are the 3 most prevalent needs of your non-Christian friends?
3. Thinking about the women of your church, what concerns do you share for them, and which group of women do you believe need immediate attention? (ex: mothers of preschoolers, single parents, working women etc.)
4. List 3 pressing needs or issues your community is facing. How could the women's ministry in your church help address these problems?

v. A Plan

1. Program

Includes: Outreach, Spiritual Growth, Leadership Development, Connections

Example: Yearly Theme Focus

- Women's Ministry Theme: "Love Story" *I'll never quit telling the story of your love...Psalm 89:2* The Message
- Coffee Talk: "The Power of Love", *Experience the love of Christ....and the power that comes from God. Ephesians 3:19*
- Christmas Outreach: "When Love Came Down"
- Spring Retreat: "Once Upon a Time", *Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus... Romans 8:39*
- Bible Study: "Love Story", *I'll never quit telling the story of your love...Psalm 89:2*

2. Structure

VI. Builds Dynamic Teams

“I knew one thing for sure: our committed team members would never again go it alone in ministry, they learned what leaders today need to learn: **teaming is a cure for burnout and a sense of spiritual failure.** Teaming keeps one honest. Teaming keeps one humble. Teaming keeps one’s perspective on the right track. Teaming provides fellowship. Teaming means you are never alone...**Whatever our ministry may be, we shoot ourselves in the foot if we insist on doing it all alone.** We need to take a fresh look at the life of Jesus and remember that he worked with a team! He not only trusted his disciples - his laity - but he spent time with them talking, eating, working, and traveling. They were inseparable.”

Leading From the Heart – Lifetime Reflections on Spiritual Development, Robert Munger

- Committee: a group of persons _____ or _____ for a special purpose
- Team: a group of people who _____ for any purpose

Brainstorm: What are some key components of a healthy team that you’d like to be a part of?
“A true leader is a servant. A real leader leads from below – lifting, encouraging, speaking words of comfort and challenge.” Robert Munger

Components of a Healthy Team:

VII. Takes Risk!

Brainstorm: What’s something you’re facing right now that is a risk and will take a leap of faith?

“Leadership requires the courage to walk in the dark...The leader who refuses to move until the fear is gone will never move. Consequently, he will never lead. There is always uncertainty associated with the future. Uncertainty presupposes risk. Leadership is about moving boldly into the future in spite of uncertainty and risk...Even the risks that didn’t pay off directly are viewed as a necessary part of the journey. **A leader’s regrets generally revolve around missed opportunities, not risks taken!**” *Next Generation Leader, Andy Stanley*

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As Susan Jeffers writes, "Fear and growth go together like macaroni and cheese. It's a packaged deal. The decision to grow always involves a choice between risk and comfort. **This means that to be a follower of Jesus you must renounce comfort as the ultimate value of you life....It's not that the fear goes away, but that you get used to living with fear. **You realize that it does not have the power to destroy you!**"**

If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat, John Ortberg

- **What are you doing well?**
- **What do you need to start, improve, or change?**