

FirstSteps for Planting a Missional Church ***Coaching Guide #3***

Developing an Intercession Team

E. M. Bounds is what I like to refer to as a cheerleader for prayer. You cannot read one of his classic books on prayer without wanting to pray more. He writes,

“God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil. The prayers of God’s saints are the capital stock of heaven by which God carries on His great work upon the earth. God conditions the very life and prosperity of His cause on prayer.”

One of the overlooked essentials in church planting is the matter of mobilizing an intercessory prayer team and getting that “capital stock of heaven” working in your favor as you enter your church planting adventure.

Biblical Insights

- Colossians 4:2-4
- Ephesians 6:19-20
- II Corinthians 1:11
- II Timothy 4:14-18

Checklist

- 10 to 20 possible intercessors identified outside the church plant.
- Materials developed for communicating prayer needs
 - Recruiting leader
 - Commitment Card
 - Commitment Letter
- Coach has reviewed Intercession Team materials.
- 10 to 20 intercessors committed.
- First prayer update sent out.
- Recommitment date set.

Reflective Questions

- How will you begin praying for them?
- How will you approach potential intercessors?
- How will you determine what type of partnership you want to have with them?
- What will their commitment to you look like?
- What will your commitment to them look like?
- How will you encourage them, keep them engaged and thank them for their prayer partnership?
- How will you be fresh and creative in staying in touch with them?

Conclusion:

Maintaining your Intercession Team is crucial to keeping your team fully engaged. In order to do that well you will need to give your team specific requests, accurate reporting on a regular basis, rewards to reinforce their commitment and a recommitment process.