

Faith Christian Fellowship
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Due Season
8: Invasion Strategy

TEXT: Ecclesiastes 3:1 / Matthew 9:35- 10:1

As part of our instruction for 2017, the Lord said, “study seasons.” We are seeing three seasons overlap: Unprecedented blessing on those who dwell close to Him. Ezekiel 34:26, harvest from the years of planting Galatians 6:9, an open window to reach people 2 Timothy 4:2.

We are looking at bringing in the harvest of souls: We have an open window of opportunity, but we have to take our Christian life seriously.

How do we do the Great Commission in Tucson in the 21st century?

You enlisted to be the shepherd of the flock where you are. Now we are going beyond our normal daily routine, I want to talk about strategy for impacting our world. According to Oxford Dictionary, a strategy is “a plan of action or policy designed to achieve a major or overall aim, or a plan for military operations and movements during a war or battle.” What can we do intentionally to infiltrate or invade the culture around us? Where do we live? Tucson, AZ. 2017: The 12th most Post-Christian city in the United States.

- 1) Corporate strategy: There is a plan to get you healed up, willing and able, then to push you out of your comfort zone.
 - a) CPR paradigm
 - i) Celebrate the goodness of God – keep the main thing the main thing.
 - (1) Good God, bad devil. John 10:10
 - (2) We are not building a church, we are building people. Matthew 16:18
 - (3) Our values: The Word, the Spirit, and humble service and servants.
 - ii) Prepare willing people – FMTI – Matthew 9:35-10:1 Out of the pew and into the harvest. here is no shortage of church goers. There is no shortage of opportunities. There is only a shortage of workers.
 - iii) Repair broken people – Matthew 9:36
 - (1) **Compassion moves us to prepare ourselves.**
 - (2) We have an obligation to pursue wholeness.
 - (3) You don’t have to be perfect to help someone.

- 2) Individual strategy to invade and assist
 - a) Mentoring / sponsoring
 - i) **Effective discipling is done one on one:**
 - ii) If you are new, find someone to mentor you
 - iii) If you are here for more than a year, look for new people to befriend and encourage
 - b) Be alert and available – doors are open. Go through them
 - i) Jails / Hospitals / Nursing Homes / Schools
 - ii) Your neighborhood or workplace
 - iii) I don’t know, find something – pray for doors of opportunity
 - (1) Here is where it gets a little dicey
 - (2) I want everybody to be themselves doing what they do.
 - iv) Needs are opportunities - Quick: where did you see a need this week? How can you mobilize to assist?
 - (1) Pray, but Don’t let it be your spiritual cop-out. 1 John 3:18 / James 2:16
 - (2) Glve money. Be smart. Honor relationships.
 - (3) Actually do something..
 - (4) Keep it simple. **Don’t let compassion be reduced to a mere emotion.**
- 3) Strategy Tools that work:
 - a) FMTI – Building competence and confidence
 - b) Materials: 7 Principles of Recovery / 8 things You Need to Know to be a Real Disciple / FMTI class materials –
 - c) Got an idea? **You can do this, we can help.** Mentoring for successful ministry. Habakkuk 2:1-4 / Prov 20:5 / 20:18
 - i) Plan to be a real disciple. Get a mentor
 - ii) Plan to be a disciple-maker. Find someone you can help.
 - iii) Plan to expand your reach. Start preparing today.
 - iv) Walk through doors that open to you. Get a Vision coach.

You don’t have to be perfect to help folks. You Can Do This.