

The 6 Steps for Reaching a City for Christ through Prayer Evangelism

1. Establish God's Perimeter in the city

By identifying and uniting the faithful remnant - those committed to pay the price for the city to be reached, a "beachhead (perimeter) of godliness is established on the edge of the vast spiritual darkness that engulfs the city, providing a tangible setting in which the kingdom of God comes.

2. Secure God's Perimeter in the city

It must be recognized that the enemy has infiltrated not only the city, but also the Church through sin, anxiety, and strongholds. Satan's schemes must be countered and the strongholds torn down. It is not enough to simply set up a perimeter; it must also be secured.

3. Expand God's Perimeter in the city

God uses the faithful remnant in the city to establish a model. With that model in place, now others whose hearts God has been preparing must gradually be brought inside the perimeter to build up the army of saints that will eventually launch the attack on the forces holding the city in spiritual darkness.

4. Infiltrate Satan's Perimeter

From a secure base of operations, the enemy's base must be infiltrated and made insecure. This is best done by "parachuting" behind his lines through thousands of prayer cells ("Lighthouses"). Established block by block throughout the city, they weaken Satan's control over the unsaved, and through answered prayer produce a favorable disposition to the gospel by finding favor with the people.

5. Attack and Destroy Satan's Perimeter

Now that the Church is in force inside Satan's territory, it must sound the trumpet to signal the beginning of an all-out attack on the enemy for the purpose of bringing down the walls that keep the unsaved captive. The good news of the gospel must be delivered to every creature in the city. New believers must be nurtured through contact with the established "Lighthouses of Prayer."

6. Establish God's New Perimeter where Satan's Once Existed

Unless spiritual warfare results in tangible evidence of a change in the spiritual climate and in a significant harvest of conversions which are incorporated into a growing number of congregations, nothing of consequence has happened. We have limited ourselves to a "spiritual parade." The enemy's influence must be restrained and his camp "looted" of his most prized possession - the souls of lost men.

Resolving the Tension between
"Cohesiveness" and "Inclusiveness"

The logical assumption at the beginning of a city reaching effort is to assume that if we are to reach an entire city, the first step will be to get as many as possible on board. So we adopt a strategy of "***inclusiveness***."

However, the record will show that many, if not all, effective city reaching efforts can be traced to a small but **cohesive** group of pastors and spiritual leaders who covenanted together at the personal level to begin a process that would change their city. The covenant and the process produced in them an authority which attracted others, validated the vision, and set them on a

course toward a transformed city.

These **Personal Steps for City Reachers** are designed to resolve the resulting tension between "cohesiveness" and "inclusiveness."

Together with a cohesive core of fellow pastors and ministry leaders in your city...

1. Commit YOURSELF to a personal lifestyle of prayer evangelism.

Begin personally to pray daily for your immediate neighbors. As a guideline, begin by praying for 5 neighbors to the right, the 5 to the left and the 11 across the street, utilizing model from Luke 10:

- a. Bless your neighbors. (v. 5)
- b. Have fellowship with them. (v. 7-8)
- c. Pray for their felt needs. (v. 9a)
- d. Share the gospel with them, that the kingdom of God has come near to them.

(v.9b)

2. Engage YOUR FAMILY in the same exercise with you.

You have now established a personal, cohesive sphere of influence - a jurisdiction.

3. Enlist and train your PAID STAFF to do what you have been doing.

Engage your paid staff / senior leadership at the personal level.

4. Lead your PAID STAFF to engage their FAMILIES in the process.

5. Train and incorporate your UNPAID STAFF in the effort.

6. Lead your UNPAID STAFF to enlist their FAMILIES.

Now you have cohesiveness at the highest levels of leadership within your immediate sphere of influence, and there are several of you in the city doing it together.

7. Bring your CONGREGATION into the process.

Make your objective that every Christian household becomes a Lighthouse.

8. Call the CONGREGATIONS TOGETHER to a "Celebration of Unity" in which you publicly declare your intention to bring the kingdom of God to the city by prayer.

You have now achieved a high level of cohesiveness that is broad and deep, and touches the spectrum of society in your city.

9. AGGRESSIVELY MOVE toward *inclusiveness* by pursuing other pastors and leaders in the city to bring them into the same process.

When you move toward inclusiveness and others join you, you have a track record, and your vision has been validated.

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