

COMPANY'S COMING!

BUILD THE DREAM – PART 2

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“Large crowds followed him wherever he went...” (Matthew 4:25, NLT)

HOW WE TURN A CROWD INTO A CONGREGATION

1. WE LEAD WITH LOVE.

Principles of Welcoming

- 1) We do all that we can to move them from FEAR TO FAITH.
“He answered, “I heard you in the garden; I was afraid and hid from you...” (Genesis 3:10, GNB)
- 2) We ACCEPT PEOPLE wherever they are and love them to where God wants them to be.
“Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.” (Romans 15:7, NLT)
- 3) We want our guests to feel WELCOMED and wanted, but not WATCHED.
“The crowds found out where he was going, and they followed him. He welcomed them...” (Luke 9:11, NLT)

“...When I was a stranger, you welcomed me,” (Matthew 25:35, CEV)

2. WE USE MUSIC TO SET THE MOOD.

Principles of Worshipping

- 1) While believers are worshipping, non-believers are WATCHING!
“If you come together as a congregation and some unbelieving outsiders walk in on you as you’re all praying in tongues...won’t they assume you’ve taken leave of your senses and get out of there as fast as they can?...Be courteous and considerate in everything.” (1 Corinthians 14:23–25,40 The Message)

Adjusting the service for guests is not compromise, it’s COURTESY!

- 2) There is no correct STYLE of worship.
“For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:24, NLT)

The lyrics are matched to the Christian. The style is matched to the culture.

- 3) We put the **NEEDS** of the lost ahead of the **PREFERENCES** of the found.
“Don’t be selfish...Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.” (Philippians 2:3–4, NLT)

3. WE USE TRUTH TO **TRANSFORM**.

“When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.” (Matthew 7:28–29, NLT)

Principles of Preaching

- 1) We choose the topics based on our **TARGET**.
“[Speak] only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” (Ephesians 4:29, NIV)
- 2) Make it easy for people to **FOLLOW ALONG**.
“My message and my preaching were very plain.” (1 Corinthians 2:4a, NLT)

“...Write down all these specifications and decrees as they watch so they will be sure to remember and follow them.” (Ezekiel 43:11, NLT)
- 3) We show people how to **DO** the message.
“But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.” (James 1:22, NLT)

ACTION STEP
INVITE / SHARE CLASS