

Seeking First The Kingdom Of God

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Objectives

- ❑ To understand that what we value will determine how we live for God
- ❑ To recognize by faith that God will provide for us
- ❑ To embrace the call of God on our lives to further His Kingdom
- ❑ To own Faith Church's vision for Sharing God's Love Together with our neighbors

Matt. 6:19-21

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal;

but lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in and steal;

for where your treasure is, there will be your heart also.”

Treasure in Heaven

- ❑ Prov. 19:17-lend to the poor, God will repay you
- ❑ Luke 14:13-14-invite the poor, payback at the resurrection of the righteous
- ❑ Daniel 12:3-lead the many to righteousness and be a shining star in eternity

Matt. 6:22-23

“The lamp of the body is the eye; if therefore your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.

But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore that light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!”

Matt. 6:24

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

Matt. 6:25-26

“For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for your body, as to what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?”

Matt. 6:27-29

“And which of you by being anxious can add a single cubit to his life’s span? And why are you anxious about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these.”

Matt. 6:30-31

“But if God so arrays the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more do so for you, O men of little faith?

Do not be anxious then, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or, ‘What shall we drink?’ or, ‘With what shall we clothe ourselves?’”

Matt. 6:32

“For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.”

Matt. 6:33-34

“But seek first His kingdom, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

Seeking First The Kingdom

- Love God (Matt. 22:37)
- Love People (Matt. 22:39)
- Make Disciples (Matt. 28:18-20, Acts 1:8)

Churches are Stuck

- 85% of churches today are plateaued or in decline
- 15% of churches that are growing are not growing as fast as their communities and are mostly recycling Christians
- Are we really doing outreach?

Why are Churches Stuck?

- ❑ The attraction and seeker models for outreach are outdated and will not reach most unchurched or de-churched people
- ❑ A new outreach strategy is needed to reach these people

Why do we need a new approach?

- The world has changed
- We are now living in a post-Christian era
- Church attendance continues to decline
- Churches are not welcome

Why do we need a new approach?

- ❑ Generally speaking, it is difficult to reach people for Christ you do not know
- ❑ What is needed is a new relational approach where Christians become “Sticky for Jesus”
- ❑ The time has come to transition from a “come and see” fortress approach to a “go and be” relational approach

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NROGs:

Neighbor Relational Outreach Groups

Sharing God's Love Together

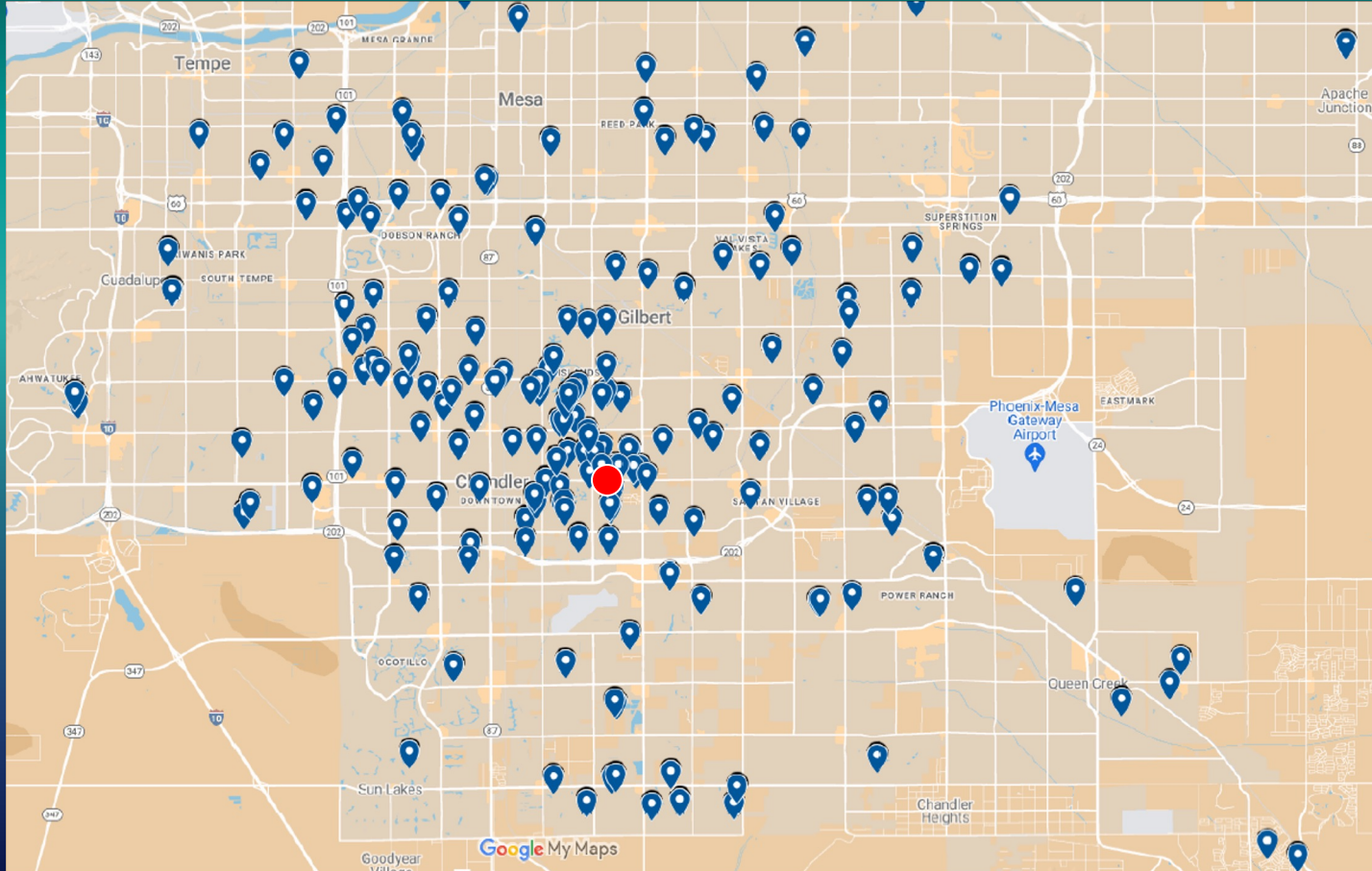
NROGs:

- ❑ **N**eighbor- anyone who crosses our path
- ❑ **R**elational- take time to make non-Christian friends
- ❑ **O**utreach- share the crystal clear gospel
- ❑ **G**roups-leverage the gifts of the group, provide on ramp into the group and church

NROG Mission Statement

We will partner together to make relevant, personal contact with every household in the Valley to share the gospel and love our neighbors audaciously.

Our Mission Field



NROG Types

- Geographical
- Affinity-based
- Need-based

Conversion Celebrations



NROG's Motto

*Transcending a new culture with
transforming faith*

LET'S GO DO IT!

Questions or Suggestions?

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