#### Topic: MINISTRY OUTREACH METHODS Practical Matters Regarding Evangelism and Discipleship

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## OBJECTIVE

- I. To consider the proper use of methods
- II. To look at several methods being used today
- III. To have you share any method(s) useful in your ministry

### **PROPER USE OF METHODS**

- Methods are important to ministry plans
- Methods serve as our tools
- Methods have an inherent limitation
- Methods that were once effective may no longer be effective
- We need new approaches that correspond to our changing society

# PROPER USE OF METHODS cont'd

- When methods work we tend to rely on them
- We can transfer our confidence to these successful approaches
- We rely on them instead of spiritual resources
- Our primary sources are the Holy Spirit, the Word of God and Prayer.

# PROPER USE OF METHODS cont'd.

- The best methods are your own
- If you borrow a method be sure to adapt it to your own circumstance
- Depend ultimately on spiritual resources and not on the techniques alone
- Apply methods that correspond to the cultural changes of society

# Some Present day Ministry Outreach Methods

## **COMPASSION MINISTRY**

- Feeding and clothing of the needy
- Soup kitchen and clothing distribution
- Connect the needy to other resources
- Advocate for social justice
- Share the love of Christ in the gospel

# **SPORTS MINISTRY**

- Soccer and basketball camps, etc.
- Recruit, train, equip volunteers
- Provide physical and skills training
- Provide character building
- Encourage relationship building
- Share the transforming power of the gospel

# COMMUNITY PROJECT MINISTRY

- Cleaning up neighborhoods
- Disaster relief in the community
- Back to school party
- Provide health check /screening
- Opportunities to share the love of Christ

#### **CAMP MINISTRY**

- Encourages spiritual growth
- Relationship building for the kingdom
- Encourages environmental stewardship through interaction with the natural world
- Counseling for those from broken homes
- Share the transforming power of the gospel

### ONLINE PLATFORM FOR CHRISTIAN TESTIMONY

- Create a place to share stories and testimonies
- Create cell phone video of personal testimony
- Online chat for evangelism and discipleship

# AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

- Homework assistance
- Provide a research center (Computer lab)
- Provide safety and security
- Share the love of Christ through the gospel

# **JOB TRAINING FOR ADULTS**

- Job searching
- Provide assistance with application and resume
- Give tips on how to conduct oneself during an Interviewing
- Share business ideas
- Share humanity's greatest need in the gospel

### **HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY**

- Build a relationship as a stakeholder
- Support the Student Christian Movement
- Encourage campus evangelism
- Promote prayer and Bible study groups
- Promote the importance of education
- Share humanity's greatest need for the Christ

### MINISTRY TO UNWED MOTHERS WITH UNPLANNED PREGNANCY

- Help them to choose life and not abort
- Share personal stories of God's grace
- Instruction: Prenatal care and Christian parenting
- Mentoring , Housing and Job skills
- Share the love of Christ through the gospel

### **COUNSELING AND HEALTH MINISTRY**

- Addiction and Codependence Issues
- Maintenance and prevention through screening
- Marriage and family life counseling
- Crisis intervention
- Sharing the gospel's transforming power

## GOSPEL PRESENTATION THOUGH SONG AND DRAMA

- Choir, soloists, instrumentalists
- Play-actors
- Easter or Christmas production
- Free invitation to the public
- Give a clear gospel message
- Provide spiritual counseling and follow up

#### **MINISTRY TO TOURISTS**

- Special outreach services at hotels
- Easter sunrise service
- Christmas morning service
- Special music
- Salvation testimonies
- Present the gospel message

# **PRISON MINISTRY**

- Contribute sanitary items
- Contribute spiritual resources
- Establish Bible study groups
- Provide individual counsel
- Utilizes forums on societal issues
- Share the transforming power of the gospel

Share any successful ministry method(s) not included in the list

# Q and A