

NETWORK MEETING #6

Interdependence



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Sabihin mo ito nang mabilis at ng sampung ulit: Notebook at aklat...

Tips from the topnotcher

Learn from the church that scored highest in the network in one of the 8 qualities.

Napulot

Ano ang mahalagang napulot mo sa ating topnotcher?

Growth Force: Interdependence

In meeting 5 we briefly studied all 6 of the Growth Forces. Today, we will study the principle “Interdependence” in more depth.

Description

Actions you take in one area of the church will impact other areas. These impacts could be good or bad. In all actions, carefully consider both the short-term and long-term impact.



Illustration

Years ago, fishermen in Manila Bay began to catch less and less fish. They found it hard to make a living and feed their families. To solve this problem, they began to use dynamite fishing. This solved their short-term problem. What was the long-term impact?

■ Case study → Family prayer time

Dalawin natin si Pastor Marunong sa Highly Anointed Healthy Church. Their Weakest Quality is Passionate Spirituality. To strengthen this weakness their Implementation Team set this goal: “By Sept. 30, we will mobilize 90% of our fathers to lead their families in a very simple family devotion time each night.” As they trained the fathers they carefully included training to pray for the salvation of neighbors. They also included teaching the fathers a very simple method of sharing the gospel.





Nagbunga! The fathers implemented this. Lumago ang mga tatay. Sumunod ang kanilang asawa at mga anak dahil sa kanilang halimbawa. Lalong lumakas ang mga family relationships, pati ang buhay may asawa. Lumakas ang witness ng church sa community. Maraming nakakilala sa Panginoon! Lalong sumigla ang kanilang espirituwal na buhay nang makita nila ang ganitong bunga. Madali ang follow-up dahil may relationship na ang bagong mananampalataya sa mga miyembro sa church. Lumago din ang mga cell group. Marami rin ang nadala sa church. Binigyan ang mga bagong mananampalataya ng simpleng responsibilidad sa church. Dumami ang may ministry. Sa bawat worship service, nagpatotoo ang isang father o isang bagong mananampalataya. Maraming na-inspire sa pananambahan. Maganda!

Every action we take effects many other areas. This could be helpful or harmful.

Interaction

- 1) This church focused on their goal: “By Sept. 30, we will mobilize 90% of our fathers to lead their families in a very simple family devotion time each night.” As they accomplished this, what other areas in the church were also helped?
- 2) How might there be not only positive results in the short-term, but also in the long-term?

Discuss in a group of 2-3, with someone you don't know very well yet.

With each action you take in your church, try to do it in such a way so that many other areas of the church also benefit. This is what Pastor Marunong did. He used the Growth Force of Interdependence.

Side effects

Umiinom ka ba ng gamot? Sa isang banda makakatulong ito. Kaya lang, kung minsan, marami rin side effects. Halimbawa, tingnan mo ito tungkol sa gamot na chlorquin.

Purpose: *Take before entering an area known to harbor malaria, to prevent contracting the disease.*

Possible side effects: *headache, dizziness, seizures, blurred vision, severe eye problems that can lead to blindness, ringing in the ears, some loss of hearing, vertigo, loss of appetite, stomach cramps, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, rash, itching, anemia.*

Buti't hindi magkakamalaria. Kaya lang ... naku! Marami ring ibang posibleng problema!

Malimit sa church meron din namang side effects. Isang action, na makakatulong sa isang area, can have negative effects in other areas. Halimbawa: If you hire one or more church workers and give them a small allowance this can help get some ministries accomplished. Kaya lang, ano ang iniisip ng iba pang miyembrong hindi “worker.” Baka ang iniisip nila ay, “Sila na lang ang gagawa. Sila ang worker. Hindi ako.”

Brainstorm

What are some other possible actions in churches that sometimes could have negative side effects?

ACTION PLAN

- 1) What are some things you are doing in your church now that have a positive impact in one area but could have a negative impact in other areas?
- 2) What adjustments can you make so that actions in one area also have a positive impact in other areas?

■ Case study → Pre-school

Pastor Makitid

Pastor Makitid decided to put up a pre-school. Every year, they would add one grade to the school. Pastor Makitid neglected to use the principle of Interdependence. He did put up a school, but many parts of the church were negatively affected. The short-term impact on the church seemed good. But in the long-term, the school became a burden and created negative results in the church.

Complete this story. Show how the church was negatively affected in the long-term. Mamaya, you may be asked to share your story.

Pastor Malawak

Pastor Malawak, in consultation with the elders, also decided to put up a pre-school and add one grade each year. They did this wisely so that many areas in the church benefited. The school had a very positive impact on the church and community, not only in the short-term, but also in the long-term.

Complete this story. Show how many areas of the church benefited, both in the short-term and long-term. Mamaya, you may be asked to share your story.

Think about the short-term and long-term effects.

Let's hear the stories

Interaction

Pastor Makitid ignored the principle of Interdependence. Because of this, many areas of his church were negatively affected by the pre-school, especially in the long-term. But many areas of Pastor Malawak's church benefited from their pre-school, both in the short-term and long-term. How have these stories helped deepen your understanding of Interdependence?

Church planting

How might planting daughter churches have a positive affect on your church in the future, both in the short-term and in the long-term?

Biblical illustration

1 Cor. 12:12-27 - The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. ... Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. ... But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" ... But God has combined the members of the body ... so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Can you think of other Biblical illustrations showing this principle of Interdependence?

Key question

What actions can we take so that a positive impact is made on both our Weakest Quality and many other areas of the church, both short-term and long-term?

ACTION PLAN FOR INTERDEPENDENCE

Sige na. Subukan na. How can you use this principle to strengthen your church's health?

1) **Prayer**

Begin by praying with your Implementation Team. Ask the Lord to give you wisdom and the ability to think hard and creatively.

2) **Interdependence already**

How do you see this principle of "Interdependence" already at work in your church?

You have probably already been using this principle to some extent, by intuition, without knowing the label for it.

3) **Use it more**

Now that you have an even better understanding of this principle, what additional action steps can you take in your church so that a positive impact is made on both your Weakest Quality and many other areas of the church, both short-term and long-term?

4) **Reports**

Share how your church will implement this principle of Interdependence.
2 min. maximum per church.

Summary

How will a church benefit by consistently applying the principle of Interdependence?

Implementation Team meeting

Your Implementation Team needs to meet within one week from today to continue to work on accomplishing your goals and to integrate greater use of Interdependence. Set the details for your meeting now:

Date: _____

Time: _____

Venue: _____

Accountability for Personal Development



Kindly meet with your group of three that you met with last month when you discussed personal development in Enabling Leadership. Discuss the following:

Personal application of Enabling Leadership

- 1) As you enable others for ministry, in which aspect are you experiencing the triune God working through you the least? Explain, motivate or liberate?
- 2) What was the action step you wanted to take to experience more of God's work in you?
- 3) What progress have you made?
- 4) What additional progress would you like to make?

Source: *Natural Church Development*, pgs. 75-76, *Color Your World with NCD* pgs. 94-95.

Personal Development in Spirituality

Strengthen Your Passion

Genuine spirituality is passionate. This doesn't require any particular style. Puwedeng maingay, puwede ring tahimik—basta't may passion. Through worldwide research, NCD has discovered that the length of time members spend in prayer and Bible study has only a minimal impact on the quality of the church. Samantala, the passion of the members as they pray and read the Word has a huge effect on church health. Quantity is not the crucial factor, quality is!



The triune God wants to lead us to greater levels of spiritual passion. To follow His leading we must be **Word-based**, **World-focused** and **Spirit-controlled**.

WORD-BASED

To strengthen our spirituality we must continually hear, read, study, memorize, meditate on and obey the Word of Christ.

WORLD-FOCUSED

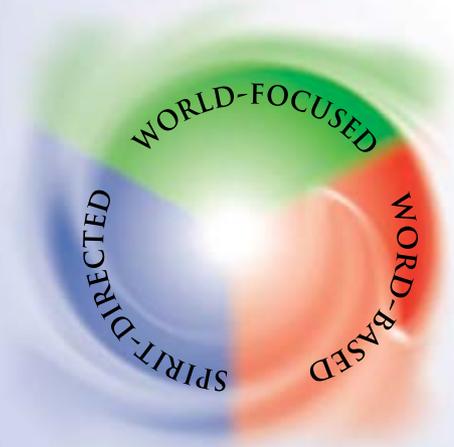
God loves the world. As we grow to love God more, we will also grow to love the things He loves. The Father's heart is for the nations. And He is concerned about the needs of those around us.

SPIRIT-DIRECTED

The Holy Spirit longs to lead us to deeper spiritual passion.

Balance

We will experience our greatest spiritual passion when we are fully **Word-based**, fully **World-focused** and fully **Spirit-directed**. Beware of simplistic solutions such as, "Read your Bible more," or "Pray more." This may help some believers. It may be counterproductive with others. Which area is least developed in your spiritual passion? Are you inconsistent in daily Bible reading? Kung ganoon, siyempre, kailangan palakas in ito. Do you feel your life is not really directed by the Holy Spirit? Then talk to someone more experienced in this area. Does your spirituality lack a focus on the world? Then more Bible reading is not the crucial area for you. Get out into the world and share God's love! We need to balance all three areas, becoming strong in all three.



Your strength

What is the strength of your spirituality? Word-based, World-focused or Spirit-directed?

Form groups of three

Each member in your group must have a different strength. Try to group with those who are not from your church.

You will probably not be strong in the same color in all of the 8 qualities. Your strength in spirituality may not correspond to your strong color in the Color Your Life survey that we did in meeting #2. Your group of three now may be different than your regular Three Colors Group.

Share about your strength

Magbahagi ang bawat isa sa inyong grupo tungkol sa kalakasan ng inyong espirital na buhay: word-based, world-focused or spirit-directed. Bakit 'yan ang kalakasan mo?

Weakness mo

Which area is least developed in your spiritual passion? Word-based, world-focused or spirit-directed?

Pinakamahalagang bahagi

Alin ang pinakamahalagang bahagi ng passionate spirituality na dapat palakasin? Word-based, world-focused or spirit-directed?

ACTION PLAN FOR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

What is one specific step you could take, this month, upang palakasin ang weakest area ng spiritual passion mo? Kindly be very specific. You might want to ask for suggestions from the person in your group that is strong where you are weak.

Prayer

Pray for the one on your right. Manalangin ng sunod-sunod sa halip na sabay-sabay.

Maghanda

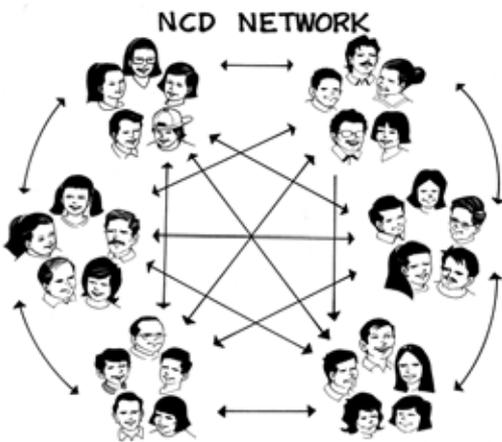
Makakatulong ba kung magbahagi tayo sa grupo, sa susunod na network miting, tungkol sa ating progress?

Use the tool

You may want to use this simple tool to help others to also strengthen their spiritual passion.

Adapted from *Color Your World with Natural Church Development* by Christian A. Schwarz, pgs. 110-11.

Multiply Your Network



Do you know of other churches that would benefit from NCD? If so, we can start new networks for them. Those who complete this network could serve as Facilitators in new networks.

SMART GOALS ACCOMPLISHMENT WORKSHEET

Church: _____

Weakest Quality: _____

Date: _____

 CHECK WHEN ACCOMPLISHED	GOAL	PROGRESS MADE THIS PAST MONTH	% COMPLETE
	1.		
	2.		
	3.		
	4.		
	5.		
	6.		

Overall percent of goals completed: _____



IMPLEMENTATION CHECKLIST FOR MEETING #6

Use the checklist below to monitor your progress this month. ✓ Check the box when the corresponding item is completed. We hope to complete all of the items below by: _____

- 1. Our Implementation Team has met.
- 2. We are using the principle of Interdependence.
- 3. We have communicated prayer needs.
- 4. Each member of our Implementation Team has taken at least one specific step to strengthen their Passionate Spirituality.
- 5. We have made progress on our goals to strengthen our Weakest Quality. We have recorded this progress on the “**SMART** Goals Accomplishment Worksheet”.
- 6. We have photocopied this checklist and our **SMART** Goals Accomplishment Worksheet. We are prepared to submit this to our Network Facilitator at our next network meeting.

How could your Network Facilitator help you?

How can your Network Facilitator pray for you?

Church: _____

Name of Implementation Team Leader: _____

Date: _____