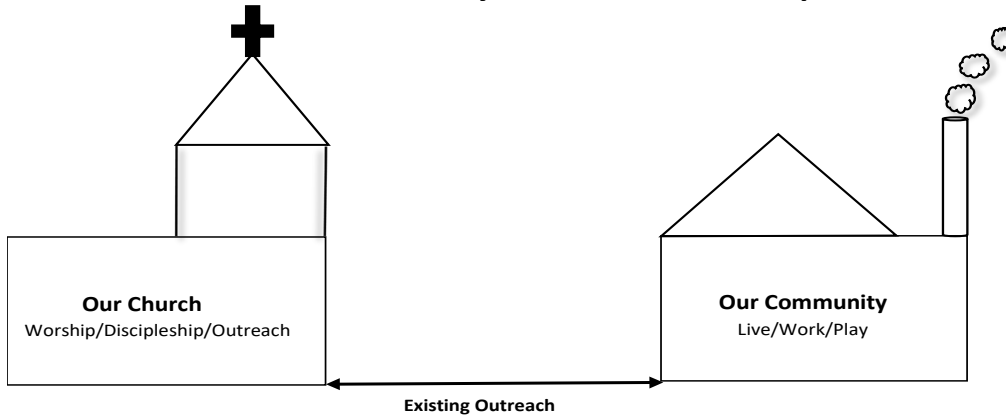


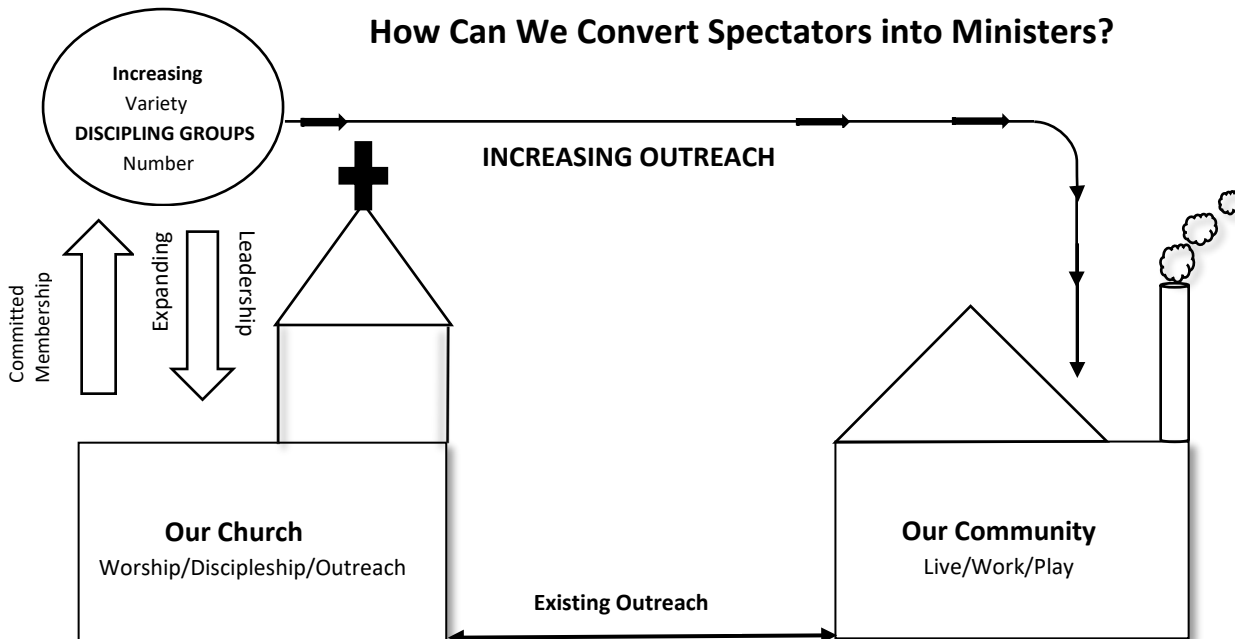
# Lesson 8

## How Can Your Church Make the Great Commission a Way of Life for Your People?



- **What is a church's "well of resources?"**
  - Un-released time/talents/treasure of the members.
- **What is the essential concept for a flow of ministry that will unleash the potential of any church?**
  - Equip the members with a Philippians 2:13 way of living.
  - Assimilate the harvest that results and nurture the new members into that same way of living.

## How Can We Convert Spectators into Ministers?



- **What should be central to the process?**
  - Bible to know and obey.
  
- **One-on-one or small group?**
  - Small groups are essential. One-on-one may be added.
  
- **How large should the small group be?**
  - Large enough for diversity, i.e., single, married, young, older, new believers, older believers (a cross section of membership).
  - Small enough that everyone is a participant.
  
- **What length of commitment is needed?**
  - Long enough to develop behavioral change.
  - Short enough to be reasonable.
  
- **What frequency of meeting is needed?**
  - Often enough to develop and maintain behavioral change.
  
- **What length of meeting is needed?**
  - Long enough to make each meeting productive in depth of process.
  
- **What should people do in between meetings?**
  - Prepare to make the meetings effective (study – meditate – prepare to discuss)

- **What are the essential ingredients of the meetings?**
  - Bible
  - Life Sharing
  - Outreach
  - Prayer
  
- **Why are each of these important to the discipling process?**
  - Focus of the Word to life
  - Relationships to stimulate caring and accountability
  - Outreach to *develop* extroverted lifestyle and fruitfulness.
  - Prayer to appropriate the Lord's enabling
  
- **How is this kind of discipleship group like a "mountain climbing base camp?"**
  - It helps develop a way of living that integrates their faith into daily life in their homes, neighborhoods, jobs, and social relationships (the harvest field).
  
- **In summary, what commitment would you require of participants?**
  - Study - attend – participate (the process will transform their lives).
  
- **What is the greatest cause of evangelistic harvest?**
  - When a body of believers are loving God and each other they will have a way of living that *liberates* them and attracts others.

- **What kind of leaders do we need and why?**
  - **Faithful**
    - Reasonably mature
    - Relies on the Bible as authority for life
    - Attends worship service regularly
    - Servant attitude
  - **Able**
    - Involves others in discussion (facilitator, not lecturer)
    - Communicates well
    - Others respond to their leadership
    - Can make others feel accepted
  - **Available**
    - If married, both share desire to make this a priority.
    - Have the necessary time to invest in preparation for the group meetings and attend leadership meetings.
  - **Teachable**
    - Demonstrates desire to grow
    - Willing to learn leadership skills
    - Accepts authority of the church
- **How do you develop the effectiveness of these leaders?**
  - In the process of their group meeting and regular leader's meetings to solve problems as they arise and keep them on course with priority objectives.