

Where to Start

(Developing the Home Base of Ministry)



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INTRODUCTION



*"Keep your eyes open for spiritual danger;
stand true to the Lord;
act like men; be strong."
1 Corinthians 16:13 (LB)*

In warfare, the strategy is to infiltrate enemy territory, establish a "Home Base" of operations that provided the opportunity for further penetration. The obvious danger is that when the home base is not properly established, those who are deep in enemy territory are at risk of exposure. Lives have been lost when the strength of the home base is not maintained.

Spiritually, what is our home base of operation?

I. My _____ Life

- A. What has God called me to do? (Romans 11:29)*
- B. What explains my walk with the Lord?*
- C. Am I modeling what I want to reproduce in my ministry? (1 Corinthians 4:16)*

1 Timothy 4:16

II. My _____ of Ministry

What explains my approach to ministry?

- A. People Over _____?*

B. What Are You Trying To Accomplish?

1. Develop a "Discipled Person _____"

- a) Necessary for _____
- b) Necessary for goal _____
- c) Necessary for _____ others to help.



2. Develop a ministry team who are committed to your philosophy of ministry.

C. Is it _____ Based?

"Here is where we must begin just like Jesus. It will be slow, tedious, painful and probably unnoticed by men at first, but the end result will be glorious, even if we don't live to see it. Seen this way, though, it becomes a big decision in the ministry. One must decide where he wants his ministry to count - - in the momentary applause of popular recognition or in the reproduction of his life in a few chosen men who will carry on his work after he has gone."
(page 36-37)

III. My _____ for Ministry

What comes first?

A. *E* _____

B. *D* _____

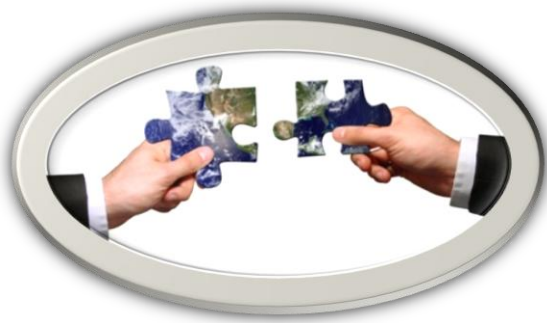
C. *W* _____



IV. My Program(tools – wineskins, not the wine)

A. Which are most important? (Prioritize)

- 1. Sunday A.M.**
- 2. LIFEgroups/Midweek Studies**
- 3. Men's/Women's Groups**
- 4. Choir**
- 5. Retreats/Camps/Choir Tours**
- 6. Mission Trips**
- 7. Service Teams/projects**
- 8. Special worship (The Well)**
- 9. Volunteer Leader Meetings**
- 10. Workplace/Campus Outreach/Evangelism**
- 11. Marriage Conference**
- 12. Recovery Ministry**



B. Know Why I Have Each _____

1. Is it evangelism, discipleship or worship oriented?
2. How will it impact _____?
3. Are lives being changed? How? (be brutally honest)

C. Create an Environment for Spiritual _____

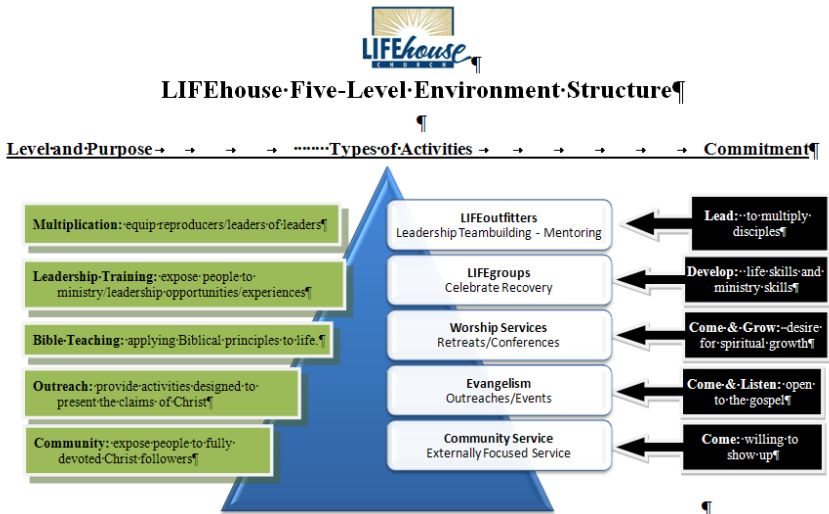
Never start a new program until [you have a team](#) (point leader).

D. Begin with your Sunday A.M. program.

1. Make sure you are knocking the _____ out of the park.
2. Build on _____. Demand excellence of yourself and those around you.
3. Avoid the temptation to become a glorified _____ director. You run the program based upon what God has called and gifted you to do.
4. If something doesn't work, don't be afraid to adapt it,

modify it, or let it die a natural death. Know the condition of your flock, and program accordingly.

5. Every great idea can be ruined by doing it with mediocrity.



The LIFEhouse is committed to building a warm, healthy spiritual environment where we are intentional about helping people to grow to maturity in Christ at every level of commitment.

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