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CREATIVE MINISTRY

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SESSION 1 - Part 1

Chris Mathebula

If your church closes its doors, will the market place notice it?

Shift your mind

– think, Church Outside the Box

1 | Shift Defined

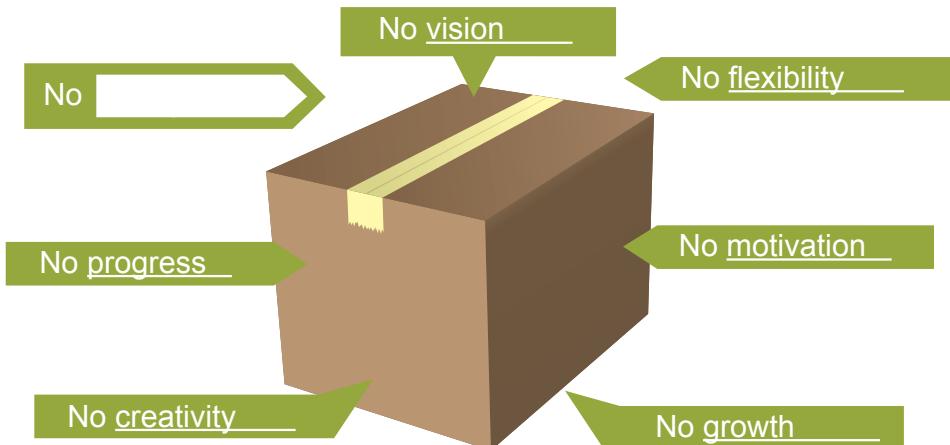
1.1 A _____ way of doing things.

1.2 To put something aside and _____ it by another

1.3 Change of _____

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Church Inside the Box



Thinking inside the box means being afraid of change

²⁰Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹to Him be the glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

2 | Think Church

2.1 The Greek word for church is

2.2 The definition of Ekklesia is

2.3 Church is not a building; it is

CREATIVE MINISTRY



"In the beginning the church was a fellowship of men and women centering on the living Christ – the church moved to Greece where it became a Philosophy – it moved to Rome where it became an Institution – Next it moved to Europe, where it became a Culture – Next, it moved to America where it became an Enterprise."

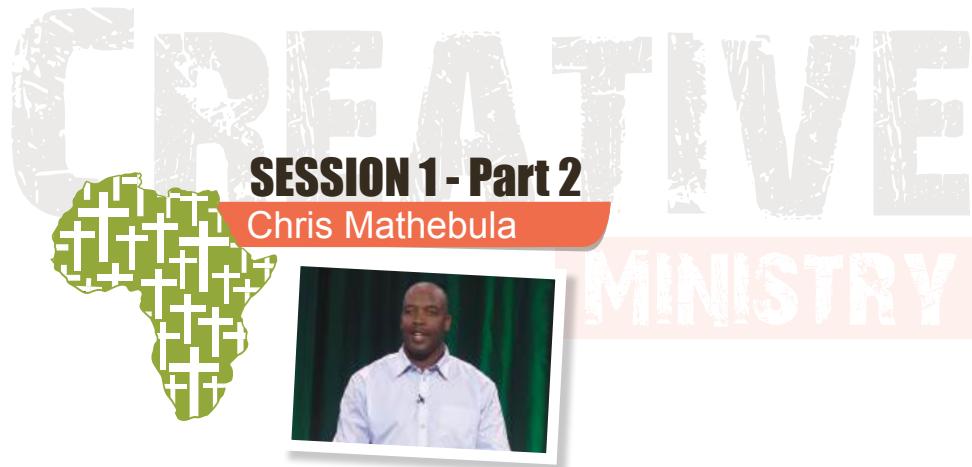
Richard Halverson

"Everyone thinks of Changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself."

Leo Tolstoy

Church Outside the Box

1. Shift from 'then and yester-thinking' to
'_____ -thinking'.
2. Shift from 'here and now-thinking' to
'_____ -thinking'.
3. Shift from 'self-centered-thinking' to
'_____ -thinking'.
4. Shift from 'excuses-thinking' to
'_____ -thinking'.
5. Shift from 'local-thinking' to
'_____ -thinking'.
6. Shift from 'one man-show' thinking' to
'_____ -thinking'.



SESSION 1 - Part 2

Chris Mathebula

What do you think

hinders the implementation of change?

1 | Understanding your community

1.1 People matter to God...

...no matter _____ they are.

...no matter _____ they are.

...no matter _____ they are.

1.2 God knows...

... _____ you are.

... _____ you are.

... _____ you are going through.

... _____ to reach you.

'Reaching Out'
means to move out of your space or comfort zone to better someone's life, to walk the extra mile and make a difference.

³⁵Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and illness. ³⁶When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then He said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."

Matthew 9:35-38

CREATIVE MINISTRY

2 | Qualities of 'Reaching Out'

2.1 The boldness to _____

³⁵Jesus went through all the towns and villages... Matthew 9:35

2.2 The ability to _____

^{36a}When He saw the crowds, He had compassion... Matthew 9:36a

2.3 The sensitivity to _____

^{36b}...He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless... Matthew 9:36b

2.4 Urgency to _____

³⁷Then He said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Matthew 9:37

2.5 Team to _____

³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field. Matthew 9:38

Discussion questions

1. Name one role, mindset that you think is necessary to change in your church.
2. What is your box? How would you shift your church from "inside the box thinking" to "outside the box thinking"?
3. What do you think hinders the change that needs to be implemented?
4. How will you deal with what is preventing you from implementing changes in your church?

3 PRINCIPLES ON DOUBLING YOUR CHURCH

SESSION 2

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Roedolf Botha



1 | Leadership

1. Churches that double have a leader that knows that he is in charge. - _____
- 1.1 Helps to know where the _____ stops.
- 1.2 Helps the leader to take _____ for the growth.
2. Churches that double can capture the imaginations of their people. - _____
3. Churches that double build the right leadership team. - _____
4. Churches that double staff for growth. - _____
5. Churches that double can make the ask. - _____
- 5.1 Challenge people to take part.
- 5.2 Challenge individuals for resources.

2 | Mission

1. Churches that double have a focus on the lost and marginalized.

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon."

¹⁹The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by his deeds. Matthew 11:18-19

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.

²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Luke 15:1-2

1.1 Liking the lost.

1.2 Connecting to the lost.

2. Churches that double build their decisions around the _____ of the lost.

3 | Experiment

1. Churches that double have a high tolerance for _____
2. Churches that double ride the current cultural waves. - _____

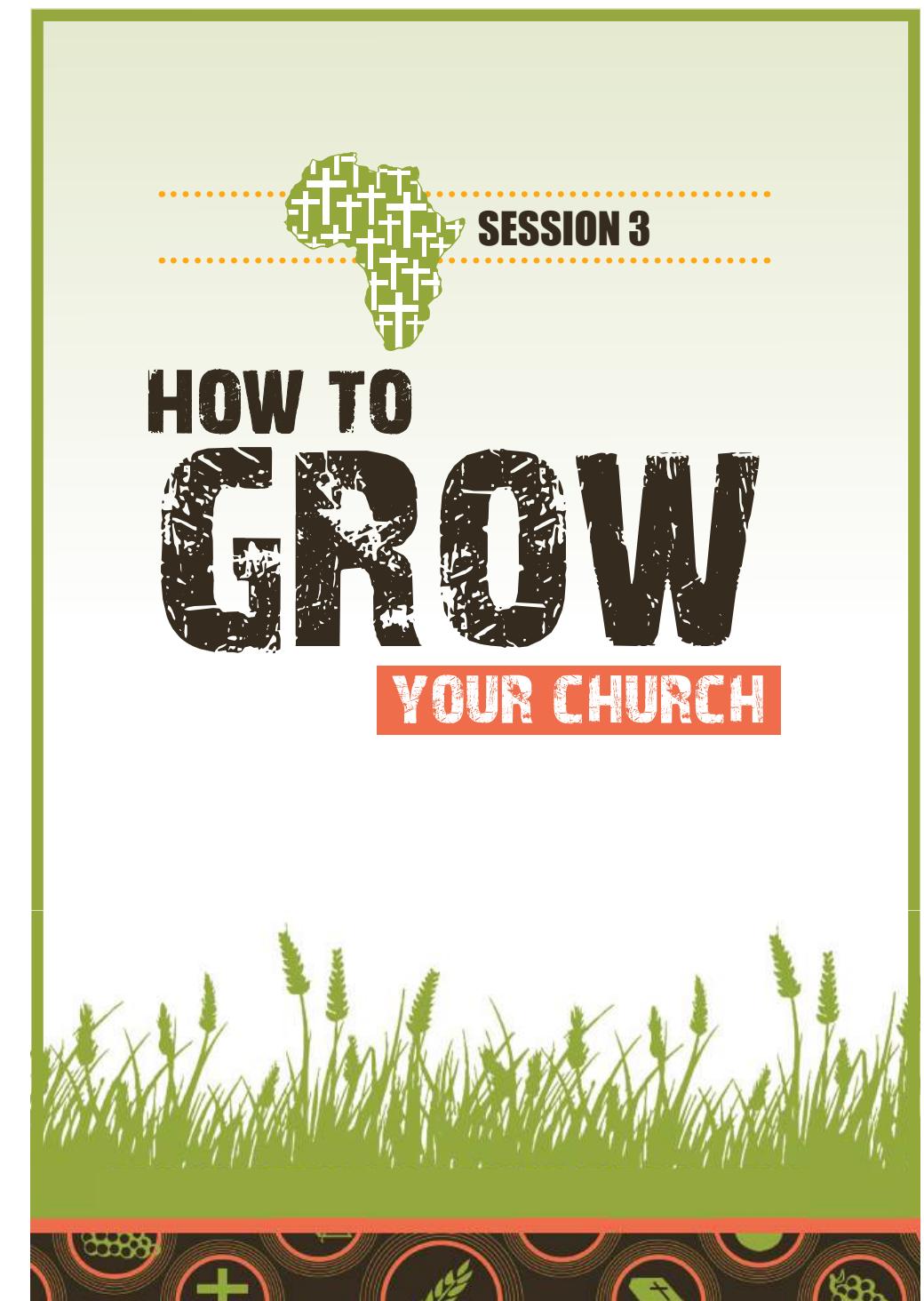
2.1 Campaigns.

2.2 Current phenomena.

Discussion questions

1. As a leader; what impacted you the most from this teaching? Why?
2. How focused is your church on the 'lost'? Give a few examples of the special needs your community may have which your church is not meeting yet.
3. Would you describe your church as culturally relevant? Why or Why not?

3 PRINCIPLES ON DOUBLING YOUR CHURCH





SESSION 3

Johnson Ogema



1 | Grow your relationships

Growing your relationship with God through:

1.1 _____ Him - hearing/reading the Word.

⁹*And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind:* 1 Chronicles 28:9

1.2 _____ Him - through a lifestyle of worship.

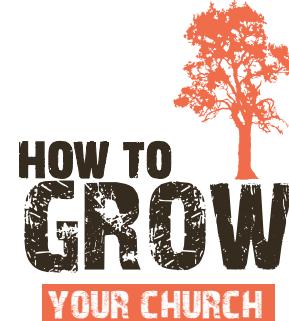
1.3 _____ Him - relationship with the Son, Jesus Christ.

1.4 _____ Him.

Growing your relationship with all men through:

¹⁰*Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;* Romans 12:10

1.5 Loving people that they may see _____ in you.



1.6 Serving people by _____ their needs.

1.7 Sharing the _____ of the Cross with them.

2 | Grow your personal vision

How do you grow your vision?

2.1 By _____ His vision first.

What was His vision when He came down?

2.2 To _____ mankind.

¹⁵*This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.* 1 Timothy 1:15

2.3 To _____ the works of darkness.

⁸*He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.* 1 John 3:8

3 | Grow yourself

How do you grow yourself?

3.1 _____ In favor with God.

²⁶*And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favor both with the Lord, and also with men.* 1 Samuel 2:26

3.2 _____ In stature.

⁸I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. 1 Timothy 2:8

3.3 _____, add knowledge to your faith.

⁵Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:5

4 | Grow your followers

How do we grow our followers?

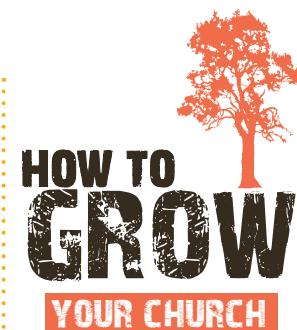
4.1 Disciple the Timothy's.

4.2 Fight the good fight, keep the faith and finish the race.

4.3 And the discipleship process continues!

Discussion questions

1. Are you consistent in making time to grow in the Word and spend time with God?
2. Do you have a personal vision? If you feel comfortable, share it with your group.
3. In three short points share what your personal growth goals are for the year.
4. Do you have a growth plan for your followers? If so, paraphrase it and share it with the group.



UNDERSTANDING THE CULTURE OF MY PEOPLE

SESSION 4

Hamilton Malaza



THE THREE PEOPLE

1 | Culture

1.1 Culture is a transmitted way of _____ that are modeled on a day to day basis.

1.2 Culture has nothing to do with _____

1.3 Culture can be _____
A group of people do something in a certain way for a long time until it enters the veins of the other people.

1.4 Culture comes in different _____

- National culture.
- Denominational culture.
- Local church culture.

1.5 Qualities of a bad culture:

1.5.1 Relationships among members _____

1.5.2 Not attract _____ people.

1.5.3 _____ good people.

UNDERSTANDING THE CULTURE OF MY PEOPLE

The easiest and shortest way to success with any culture is understanding the culture and respecting its values and then changing what needs to be changed.

1.6 Common mistakes in culture:

1.6.1 _____ of openness.

1.6.2 Being _____ focused.

1.6.3 Paying no _____ to the members.

2 | How to change culture

1. Start with the _____

2. _____ the culture with respect of its values.

3. Identify the aspects that need to be _____

4. _____ what needs to be done.

5. Be _____ with the desired culture.

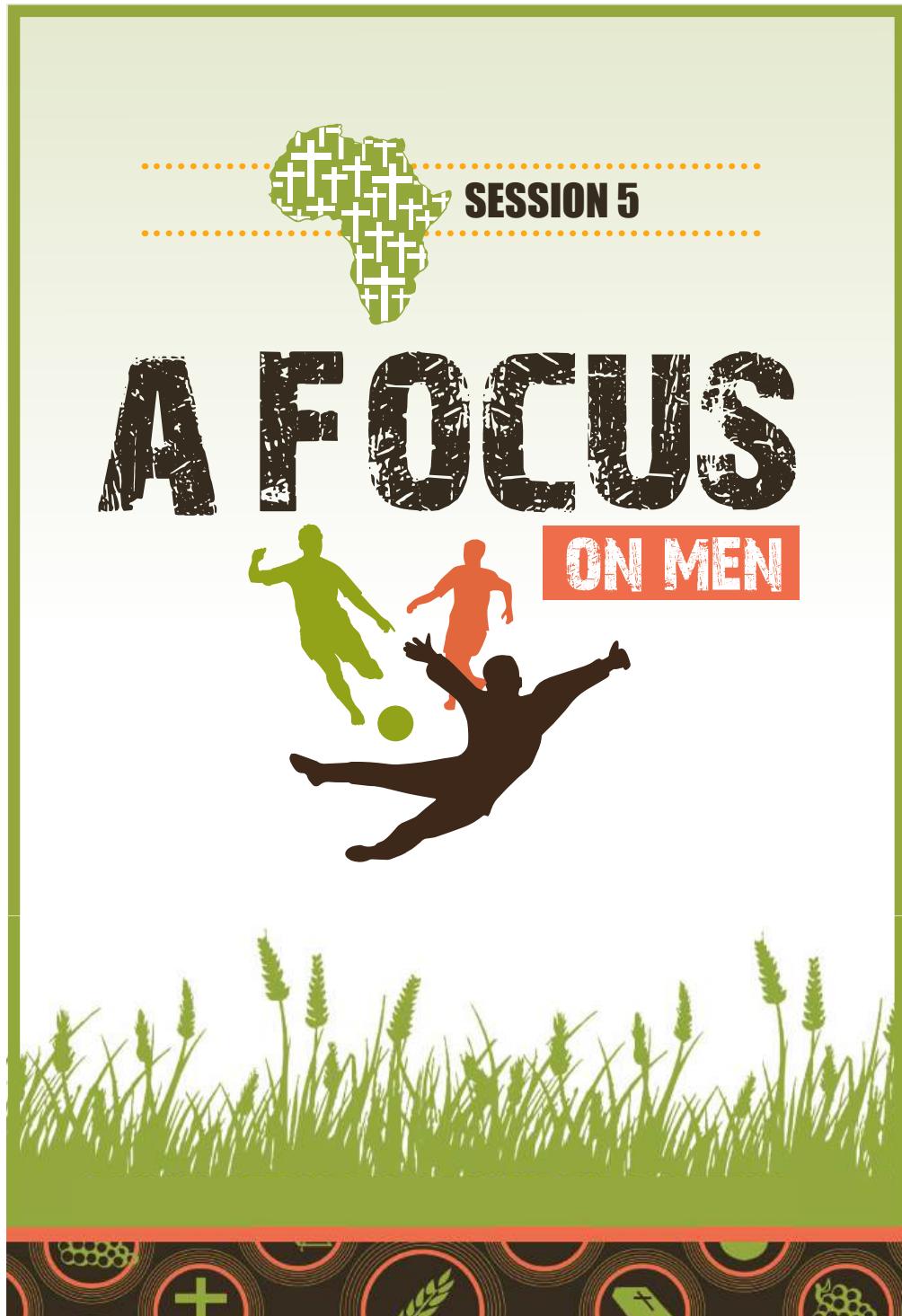
Discussion questions

1. What are the good and bad qualities of:

- 1.1 National Culture
- 1.2 Denominational Culture
- 1.3 Local Church Culture

2. What negative culture trends are most prominent in your community?

3. In your experience what would be the most common sinful practices in culture?



A Focus on Men Session 5

The graphic features a map of Africa filled with white crosses. Below the map, three stylized human figures in green, orange, and brown are playing soccer. The background is a light green field with green grass at the bottom. The title 'A FOCUS ON MEN' is in large, bold, black letters, with 'ON MEN' in a red box. The session number 'SESSION 5' is in a black box at the top right.



A Focus on Men Session 5

SESSION 5 Joshua Mtanyelwa





1 | God is looking for men

1.1 _____, where are you?

1.2 I am looking for _____ to stand in the gap.

1.3 Where are the **men** in the church?

a. Position – _____
b. Possessions - _____
c. Participation - _____
d. Progress - _____

2 | Benefit of men in the church

"If a child comes to Christ, 12% of the time the whole family will follow. If the mom comes, there's a 15% chance the family will. But if the man comes to church, 90% of the time the family will come along behind." – Sawyers

2.1 _____ families.
2.2 _____ church growth.
2.3 _____ impact in society.
2.4 Financial _____
2.5 Positive _____

3 | How Jesus attracted men

1. Through a _____ environment.

¹⁸And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

¹⁹And He saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Matthew 4:18-19

2. Through a _____ environment.

²³And He said to them all, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. Luke 9:23

3. Through a _____ environment.

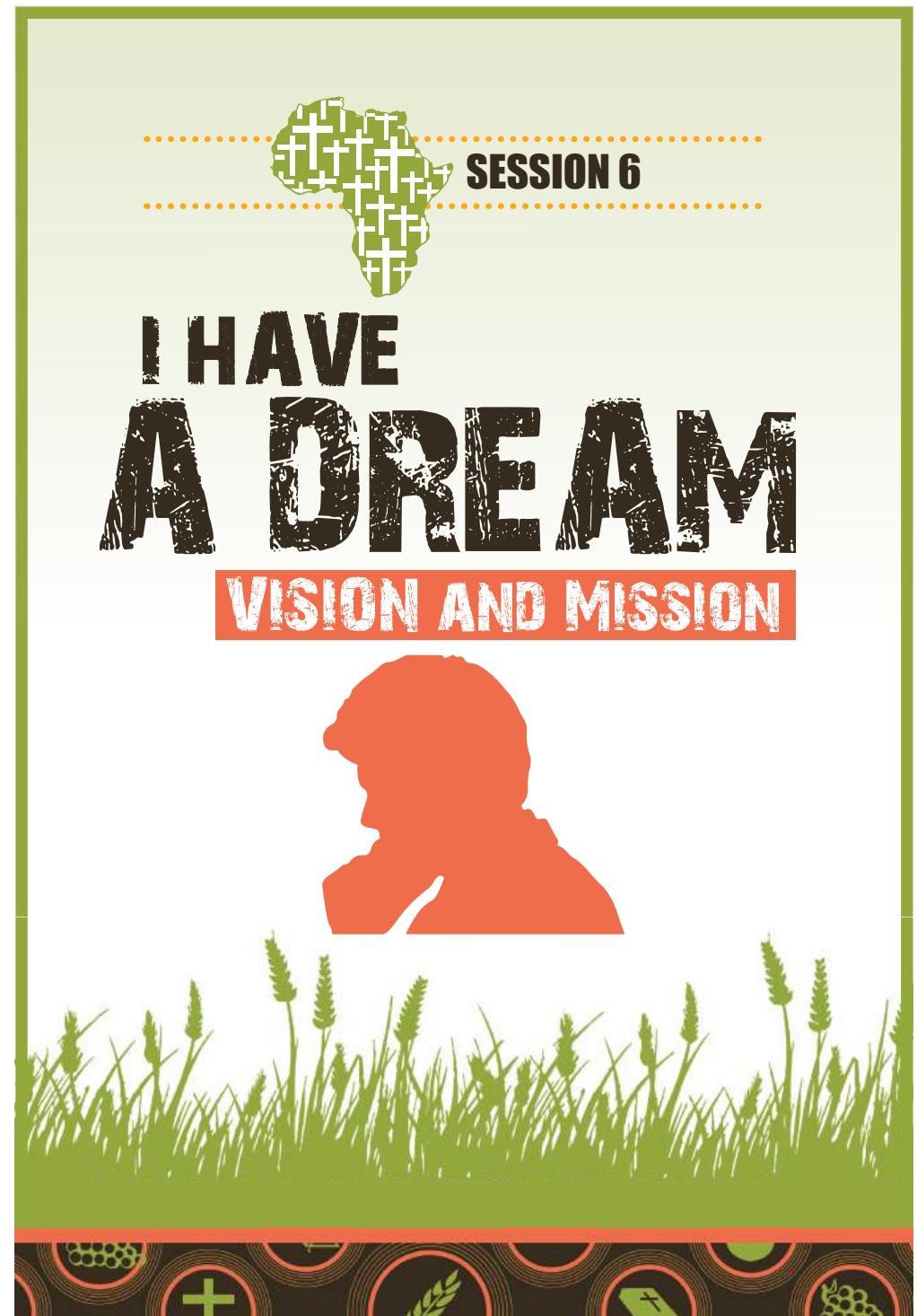
¹And when He had called unto Him his twelve disciples, He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease." Matthew 10:1

4. Through a _____ environment.

¹⁹Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy Luke 10:19

Discussion questions

1. How involved are the men in your church? Are men active compared to women in your church?
2. From this session, how would you engage more men in your ministry?
3. What would the impact be in your community if more men were involved in your ministry?
4. Give an example of an event you can organize aimed at attracting more men in your community.



I HAVE A DREAM

VISION AND MISSION



SESSION 6

Abel Zuma



Introduction

1 | Vision

“Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.” Habakkuk 2:2

How powerful is the Vision and Mission?

1.1 Make the vision _____ and _____ that everyone will see and understand it.

1.2 Take time to _____ your congregation about the vision.

1.3 Ensure that _____ understand and support the vision.

2 | Practical points concerning vision

2.1 It sets a _____ of excellence and reflects high ideals.

2.2 It _____ purpose and direction.

2.3 It _____ and encourages commitment.

2.4 It reflects the _____ of the ministry.

2.5 It is _____ yet not overwhelming.



2.6 The right vision _____ commitment and energizes people.

2.7 It serves as a _____ between the present and the future.

3 | How can we develop or expand the existing vision

3.1 _____ everything you can about your ministry and other similar ministries.

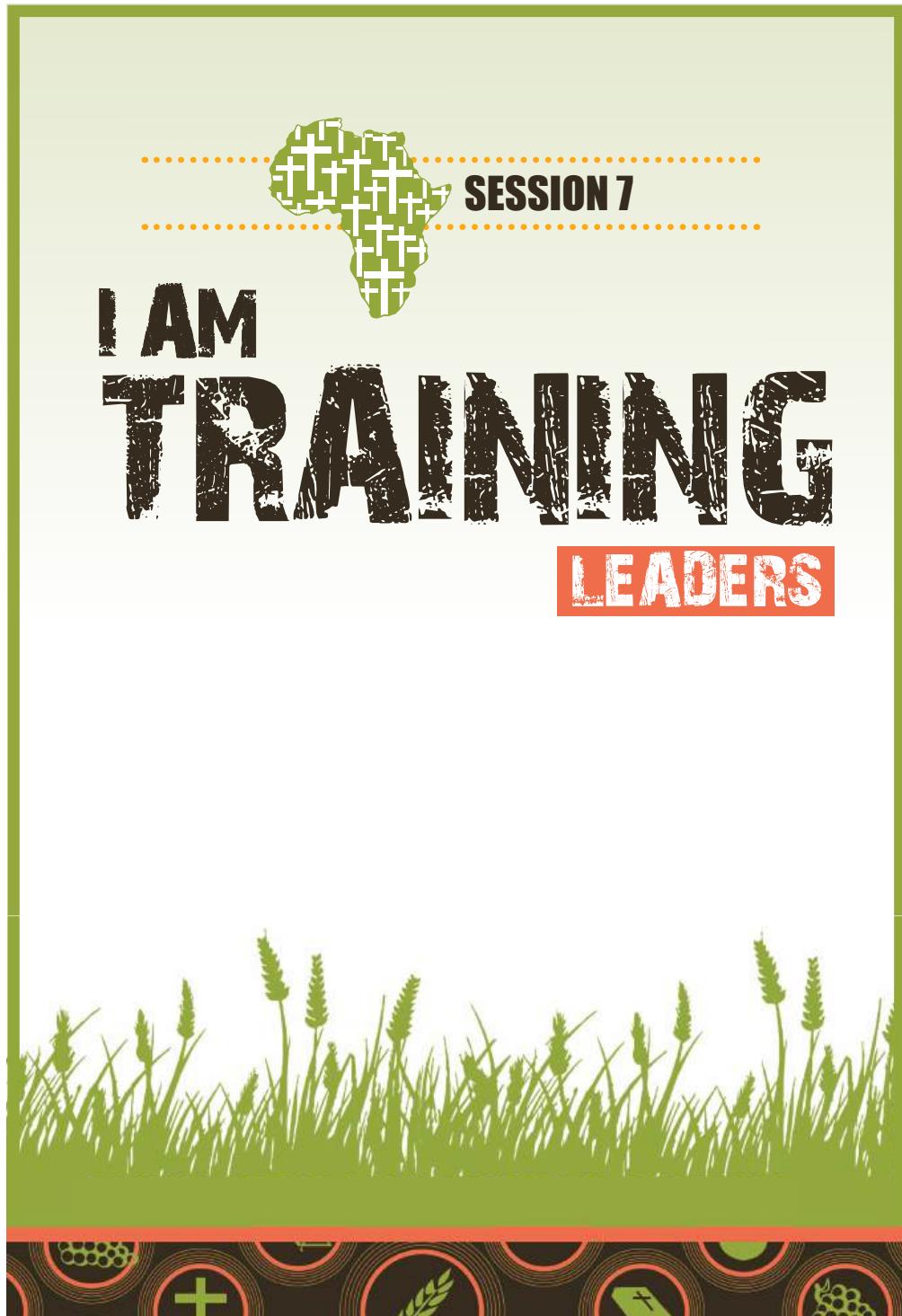
3.2 Include in the process, key _____ of the different departments of the ministry.

3.3 Keep an _____ and let go of all personal agendas, and focus on understanding God's agenda.

3.4 Learn _____ other ministries do things.

Discussion questions

1. What are the key reasons the vision is so important? Name three.
2. Is your mission and vision clearly visible and understandable?
3. From this session, what do you need to add to your vision statement?
4. If applicable, share how you have been impacted by a vision and mission statement in an organization you've been involved with.



1 | Implementing training systems for exponential growth

- 1.1 Understand that training is a _____
- 1.2 Follow the pattern of _____
- 1.3 Use Jesus' teaching training method in your church.

2 | Train the multitudes

- 2.1 Practical steps for implementing a training system.
 - a. _____ the needs of your church.
 - b. Group all lessons and categorize them into _____
- 2.2 The results of an effective equipping system.
 - a. Spiritual _____ of all believers.
 - b. _____ men will be raised who will be able to teach others.
 - c. Your leadership base will _____

3 | Train the 72 disciples

- 3.1 Jesus gave them specific _____
- 3.2 Growing churches have _____ training.
- 3.3 Teach them responsibility, effective communication, how to lead and empower them to manage their ministries.

3.4 Use the F.A.S.T. selection criteria.

F – _____
A – _____
S – _____
T – _____

4 | Train the 12 disciples

4.1 Growing churches have a _____

Part 2

1 | Planning is a method of doing something that is worked out in advance

A typical church planning meeting must reach at least four objectives

1.1 To clarify and define your church's _____, _____ and _____

1.2 To decide on appropriate _____ to support the vision, mission and goals.

1.3 Discuss and plan the implementation _____

1.4 Prepare a church _____ of all the programs and events of the year.

2 | Appropriate steps to support the vision, mission and goals

2.1 Action steps are basically a “_____” for each goal.

2.2 It involves _____ the concrete steps that you need to accomplish, in order to achieve your goals.

2.3 An action plan explains _____ is going to do what, by when, and in what order.

2.4 Do a S.W.O.T. analysis to determine your _____, _____, _____ and _____

2.5 Implement programs and events that will bring both the church and the community _____ with the vision and mission.

3 | Discuss and plan the implementation process

3.1 The action plan depends on the _____ and _____ of the church.

3.2 Get _____ from your core leaders to ensure implementation.

3.3 It is important to assign _____ and _____ for action steps.

3.4 Implement _____ and _____

3.5 Decide on the _____

3.6 Implement _____

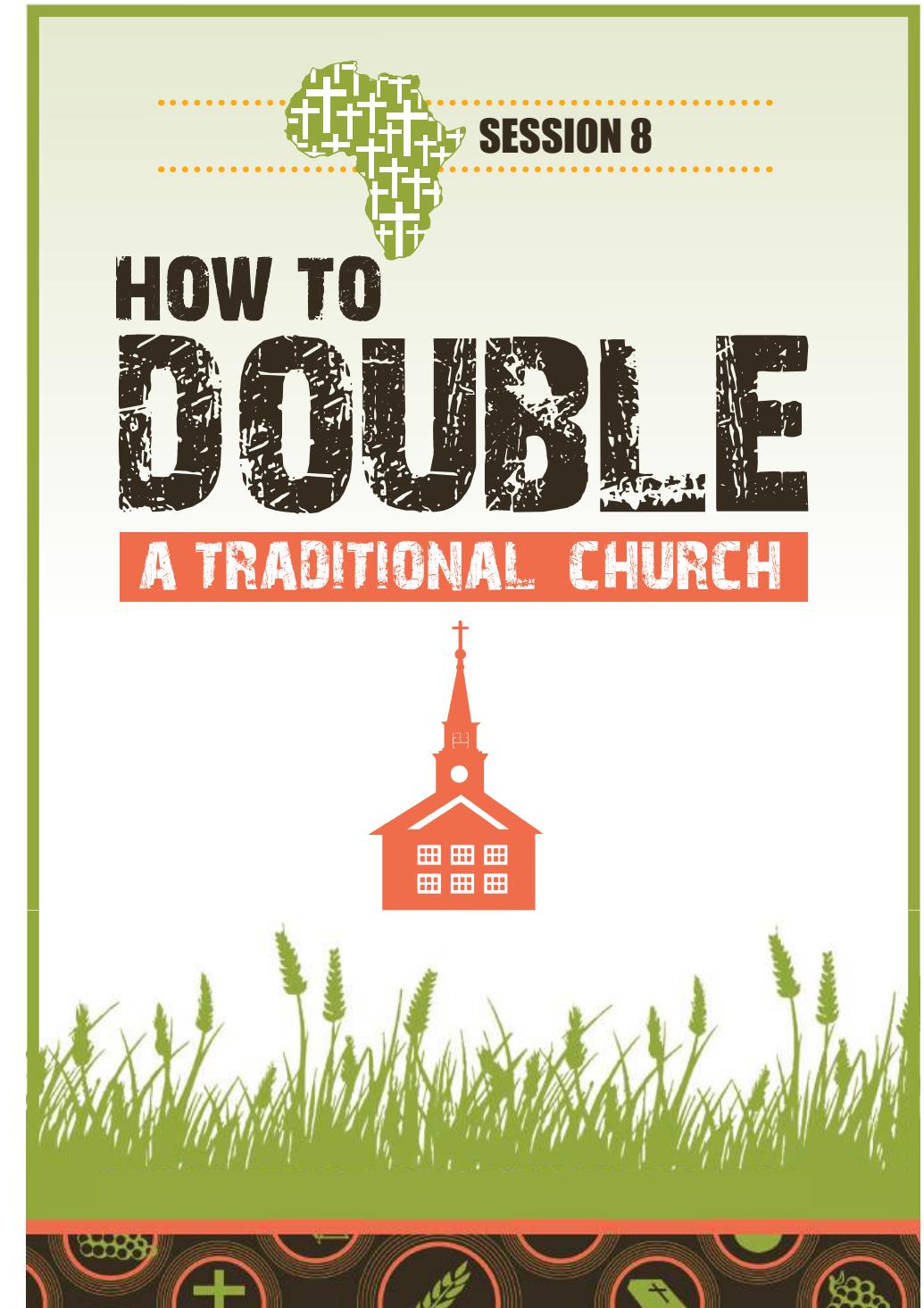
4 | Implement those action steps on an annual year planner

Discussion questions

1. Briefly share with one another what training programs you have in place in your church.
2. How focused is that program towards the needs of your different leaders?
3. Do you have a mentorship program at your church? If so, briefly share some of the successes you have had from such a program.

5 | A Practical Guideline for an Annual Church Planning Weekend

Pre-planning (Gather information)	Church Statistics	1. Demographics of the church? 2. Number of members in your church? 3. Number of men, women and children? 4. How many visitors, salvations and growth stats, etc.
	Community statistics	What are the community demographics: Age, sex, income, race, language, local or foreigners?
	Discern The Needs	1. What are the spiritual and physical needs of the church and community? 2. What are the trends and strongholds in the church and community?
	Fast And Pray	1. Hear God's heart (for the church and the community). 2. Grow a burden for the community.
Draw a program Set an Agenda	Importance of an Agenda	1. The agenda sets the tone and direction for the planning meeting. 2. Keeps the planning meeting in focus and on track. 3. Ensures the main points are discussed and the goal of the planning meeting is achieved. 4. It allows appropriate time for discussion of each item on the agenda.
Set a suitable date, time and venue for the meeting		1. The date should be determined well in advance. 2. The venue chosen should be adequate to meet the needs for the planning meeting. 3. Ideally the venue should be away from normal environment so as to avoid disturbances.
Duration	Set down a program	You will need at least 6 hours with breaks in between for lunch and tea.
Meeting Attendees	Decide who you will invite and how many	It's common courtesy and a good ethic to send out personal invites and letters to those attending the meeting – stating the venue, time, nature of the meeting and what is expected of each delegate. This will ensure delegates are well prepared ahead of time for the planning meeting. Do not invite too many people as this will affect the lines of communication.
Points of discussion	Review the Vision of your church	1. Are we fulfilling the vision? 2. Share the vision God has given you for the new year – supporting scriptures, visions, dreams etc.
	Review your current statistics	Numbers
	Evaluate and review current programs and church events	1. What is working? 2. What must change or improve? 3. What do we need to leave out? 4. Weaknesses and concerns. 5. How much of what you are doing is in line with the vision? 6. Are you being relevant? 7. Make notes.
Conclude	End with a time of prayer	Commit your plans to God.



HOW TO DOUBLE

A TRADITIONAL CHURCH

SESSION 8

Pieter-Nel Klopper



1 | To double your church you have to look with eyes full of _____!

¹⁸*This is what the Lord says: "I will restore the fortunes of Jacob's tents and have compassion on his dwellings; the city will be rebuilt on her ruins, and the palace will stand in its proper place."* Jeremiah 30:18

"THERE ARE NO HOPELESS SITUATIONS; THERE ARE ONLY PEOPLE WHO HAVE GROWN HOPELESS ABOUT THEM" Clare Booth Luce

2 | To double your church you have to be willing to pay the _____!

3 | To double your church you have to be _____!

4 | To double your church you must hold on to the _____ that God has given you.

²⁸*God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."* Genesis 1:28

²⁵*They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children will live there forever, and David my servant will be their prince forever.* ²⁶*I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever.* Ezekiel 37:25-26

HOW TO DOUBLE

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5 | To double your church you must _____ up a storm!

"PRAY as if everything depends on God and work as if everything depends on you!"
- Charles Spurgeon

6 | To double your church you must be _____ to invest in your childrens ministry.

¹*At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"* ²*He called a little child and had him stand among them.* ³*And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.* ⁴*Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.* Matthew 18:1-3

7 | To double your church your _____ must be a priority.

Say something on a Sunday morning that will help people on a Monday morning! Rick Warren

8 | To double your church you must think through the whole _____

9 | To double your church you must learn the _____

10 | To double your church you have to be _____

Discussion questions

1. Where and with whom is your biggest current potential to grow your church significantly?
2. Think of an area in your church that needs God's restoration and revival. Share this briefly in your group and spend some time praying for one another for these areas.

