



Community Partnerships: Getting the Church Involved in Your Ministry

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Encountering Jesus Together

Opening prayer – God's best practices

- Have a mindset of Kingdom Growth rather than personal gain.
- Utilize your resources well.

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" 1 Thess. 5:17*

Workshop objectives

What we will accomplish today..

- Understand the value of church partnerships
- Explore practical ways to engage churches
 - Develop a partnership action plan

Biblical Foundation for Partnership

Biblical encouragement for working alongside others

- 1 Corinthians 12:12–27 - The Body of Christ
 - Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 - Strength in Unity
- God designed us for community and collaboration

Why Churches Need to Be Involved

Wanting relationship is important

- Churches are rooted in their communities
 - They are equipped for service and care
 - Shared mission: extending Christ's love
- Mutual benefits: discipleship, outreach, engagement

Identifying Ministry Needs

How the church comes alongside you...

Areas for partnership:

- Volunteers
- Physical space
- Financial support
- Spiritual covering and prayer

Understanding the Church's Perspective

... overcoming hesitations

- Churches have limited time & resources
- They prioritize spiritual growth and community
 - Align your vision with theirs
- Be clear, concise, and respectful in your approach

Ways to Engage the Church

How you come alongside the church

- Invite them to speak or tour your ministry
 - Host joint service projects
 - Prayer partnerships
- Share success stories and reports
- Ask for specific support (bulletins, space, donations)

Building the Relationship

- Build trust before making an ask
- Maintain regular communication
 - Celebrate wins together
 - Acknowledge their impact

Success Stories

The fruit of the Spirit...

Angel Tree Christmas + Mariners Church Irvine, CA

Justice Reform + Formerly Incarcerated Man/Saints Church, NYC

Prison Fellowship Academy + Church Collective in Houston, TX



Creating a Church Partnership Plan

Practical Next Steps

1. Identify a list of churches/contacts
2. Define your need clearly
3. Craft your message
4. Choose your top 3 asks (always include prayer)
5. Set a timeline for follow-up

Group Discussion

Final Thoughts & Prayer

Question: "What is one way your ministry could invite a church into deeper partnership this year?"



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