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Introduction

Session one.

Welcome

You can use this workbook to follow along, take notes, and highlight important thoughts throughout the process. To help, key thoughts, fill-in-the-blanks, notes space, templates, and discussion/thought questions have been included.

God owns _____ faith _____ business.

He created both, and He can use both for building HIS Kingdom.

Here's the GOAL: To create a winning mission, a set of valuable values, and a vision narrative that helps leads you forward.

DISCUSSION:

Do you agree that God owns both faith and business? Why, or why not?

What would you like to achieve from completing this course?

Session two.

Where Do I Start?

Sometimes the process of creating a Mission Statement can be so simple and yet so daunting. The end result of a good statement looks short, pithy, and quite simple. But the process is usually much more detailed.

The results are only fruitful when you're _____ to the process.

No matter where you are in the process, this course can help you navigate your next steps.

***Business concepts help us form and _____ our mission,
but Spiritual concepts must _____ and protect our mission.***

Want to know where to start? We need to ask three basic questions:

- 1) Have you _____ about direction?
- 2) Have you explored _____?
- 3) Have you taken steps to understand your _____?

DISCUSSION:

Where do you find yourself?

Just starting out? Struggling to write a catchy mission? Or, evaluating a mission?

Have you answered the three basic questions? Take some time to reflect.

Session three.

It All Starts with Prayer

Prayer MUST be the first step in this process. In fact, it must continue to be the FOUNDATIONAL ACTION through the ENTIRE process.

***We aren't creating the mission,
we are simply _____ God's mission.***

The results are _____ when you're faithful to the process.

When we pray:

- 1) Listen and worship.
- 2) Ask God to inspire us.
- 3) Humbly submit our leadership.

***“Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.” – Psalm 37***

DISCUSSION:

Take some time to mediate and pray. Make sure to listen, and be ready for God to inspire you. I typically have my notebook and Bible handy during this process. Sometimes I journal (getting my own thoughts out), and other times God lays a thought in my heart and I’m able to jot it down in the moment.

Session four.

Your Ministry Context

Scripture provides the framework and guidelines, but your CONTEXT is what will highlight the needs that your church or organization will provide an answer for.

The Mission should make sense in its context – it should not only include the organization's passions and strengths, but also ways to inspire and grow – all in an effort to achieve what's at stake.

The main concepts we need to keep in mind:

1) **Strengths and Passion (What are we passionate about?)**

2) **Inspiration and Growth (What do we need to work on?)**

Every good mission inspires _____ growth.

3) **Modification and Adjustments (Has anything changed?)**

Just because culture SPEAKS to the mission, doesn't mean culture _____ the mission.

The Gospel, not culture, has to define the mission.

DISCUSSION:

What does your context look like? What ideologies, beliefs, history, demographics, bring you together?

Since discussing your context, what have you now learned about your context?

Does your current ministry/organization speak to your context well? Why or Why not?

What do you need to change/modify to relate better to your context?

Dream for a few minutes.

What would have to be true, in order for you to successfully embrace your context?