

## THE CHURCH TRAINING – SESSION 4 - LEAD

### “Putting it All Together”

**Scripture:** Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: “God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and *train everyone you meet*, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. *I’ll be with you* as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.” – **Matthew 28:18-20 (MSG)**

*God does not want to join you in your ministry. God wants you to join Him in His ministry!*

#### **ASSIGNMENT 1 - GROW**

1. Each day spend “10 Minutes Listening to God”
2. Each day spend “5 Minutes Talking to God”
3. Each day spend “3 Minutes Applying what God is Revealing

**ASSIGNMENT 2 – SERVE:** Continue to keep your eyes open and you will notice that God will bring more people to you to SERVE emotionally/spiritually or practically/physically. Only SERVE as God prompts, and then write down the names of the individuals God brings to you and how you SERVED by joining Him. The individuals you SERVE will become part of your Freedom Community...this is how God establishes His Freedom Community.

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**ASSIGNMENT 3 - SHARE:** Continue to keep your eyes open and you will notice that God will also bring more people to you to SHARE with this week. Write down the people whom God prompted you to ask BRIDGE questions or SHARE with and how. Again, God is establishing His Freedom Community!

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**Scripture:** “*So let’s do it—full of belief, confident that we’re presentable inside and out. Let’s keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word. Let’s see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on...*” – **Hebrews 10:22-25 (MSG)**

**ASSIGNMENT 4:** God has brought many people into your life to SHARE and SERVE during the last few weeks. God has brought these individuals to you, to be a part of your community – a Freedom Community. A Freedom Community is a gathering of 2 or more people (normally not more than 10-15). This week, as you continue to GROW, SERVE, and SHARE, write down people that God brings to your mind to talk with about establishing a Freedom Community.

**Write down the individuals God has led to join you in His Freedom Community.**

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## **“Leading a Freedom Community”**

**Scripture:** Jesus said, “You’ve observed how godless rulers throw their weight around, how quickly a little power goes to their heads. It’s not going to be that way with you. Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. *That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not be served*—and then to give away his life in exchange for the many who are held hostage.” - **Matthew 20:25-28 (MSG)**

**ASSIGNMENT 4:** Your Freedom Community (consisting of 2-15 people) meeting will last approximately 60-90 minutes with the following sample format:

1. **SHARE THE GOSPEL (5-10 Minutes):** Briefly SHARE the Gospel based on your practice during the last month.
2. **CAST VISION (5-10 Minutes):** Briefly cast a vision for the Growing, Sharing, and Serving concepts you have experienced in your training and briefly explain how to Grow, Share, **or** Serve and/or how you Grew, Shared, or Served during the previous week. (Note: Also, do not hesitate to discuss how you failed in Growing, Sharing, or Serving. Authenticity in a leader is important!)
3. **LEAD BY SERVING – (45-60 Minutes):**
  1. **DISARM, LISTEN, and ASK:** (See sessions 2 and 3) Engage each participant by asking each individual where they joined God GROWING, SERVING, and SHARING during the previous week or plan to participate in GROWING, SERVING, and SHARING in the upcoming week.
  2. **RESPOND TO PARTICIPATION:** After each participant shares their story, the facilitator uses summarizes what the participant said, encourages the individual, and integrates Scripture as appropriate.
  3. **ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY PLANTING:** Each time an individual mentions a person they SERVED or SHARED with during the week, remind them that those people will be part of their Freedom Community and this is God growing their Freedom Community!
  4. **HELP IF STUCK:** If an individual gets stuck because they don’t know how to GROW, SERVE, or SHARE then use what you have learned during this training to very briefly teach them how to GROW, SERVE, and SHARE (no preaching necessary!) and also encourage them to join the weekly Sunday night training sessions.
4. **EVALUATE & PRAY: (5-10 Minutes):** Ask for feedback on the Freedom Community. What went well? What needs improvement? How can you lead the Freedom Community better? Then pray for the participants to see God working and join Him in His work this coming week.

**Document the Location, Time, and Date of your first Freedom Community Below:**

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