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Introduction

I am sure you are encouraged to see God at work in your own heart and in the life of the people in your church. You can tell many stories of changed lives. You have seen significant growth in the number of people that fellowship with your church family. God has been so good to you as a church. Yet as you look at all the needs around you, you know that there is so much yet to do! God has been making you increasingly aware that the task of reaching your community and fulfilling the Great Commission is beyond the capability of your local church alone. You may become overwhelmed.

Reaching Beyond *Church-to-Church Mentoring* is designed to address this need. It is important to see that you are not alone. Your local church is a part of the Church in your city.

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Do you know how many churches there are in your city? I do, and I don't even know what city you live in. There is only **ONE CHURCH!** Each local fellowship needs to see itself as a part of that **ONE CHURCH**.

The Need for a Pastors Life Group

This Pastors Life Group is for Pastors, Church Planters, Mission or Ministry Leaders (Referred to in this workbook as Pastors) who each give pastoral leadership to others. This training is a call to you to share what you are learning about making disciples with other pastors and leaders and also learn from them what God is teaching them. We need to work together in unison and harmony because we need each other. Together we will have God's blessing and empowering to enable us to accomplish His Purpose!

It Can Be Done - We Can Reach Our Community!

It will not just happen! Such an endeavour will be the result of vision, planning, strategy, training and persistence. Every Christian wants to see the Great Commission Fulfilled but most people and most churches do not have a plan that will effectively result in reaching their entire community with the gospel! Do you have a plan? If you do, this Pastors Life Group is an opportunity for you to help other churches develop their plan! Do you need a plan? This is your opportunity to develop one!

To be a part of this unique Pastors Life Group you need to:

- □ take ownership of the Vision to Reach Our Entire City
- develop trust in each other
- □ have common goals and be willing to be held accountable to reach those goals
- □ have credibility to influence others to mobilize their church to make disciples
- □ have expertise and experience to accomplish the task of city saturation
- □ be willing to take what you learn and pass it on locally or internationally

When our Lord sent the disciples out to fulfil the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), the mandate was to recruit and train an army of committed disciples who would share the Gospel around the world. This workbook is for those who understand this great opportunity and the magnitude of the task.

May God Bless you as you work together to Reach Your World!

Reaching Beyond Church-to-Church Mentoring How to Use This Training Workbook

The Leader of this Pastors Life Group should personally have:

- □ Viewed the Explosive Growth Disciple-Making Process Overview (PowerPoint or printed Presentation)
- □ Completed the Explosive Growth Disciple-Making Process Workbook
- Completed One-to-One Basics, Discipling and Sharing
- □ Completed Learning to Lead Apprentice Leader Training and served as an Apprentice
- □ Completed Leaders Who Lead Life Group Leader Training and led a Life Group
- □ Completed A Winning Team Coach Training and Resources and coached Leaders

The above training comprises the Life Group Ministry Process for the Church. You may just be beginning this Process and are here to learn with other Pastors. Check the above training that you have completed. This workbook is a continuation of that training and follows the same format.

Each session is designed to assist you and other Pastors and Leaders as you continue to lead your church and share together in reaching your community with the gospel of Jesus Christ. There are a number of resource materials included that will help you build on the Life Group Ministry Process that you have established in your church that will help you expand it to the world!

Like the above training this book is designed to equip you so that you can use it to pass it on to your sphere of influence. Each time you go through this training seek new insights and new strategies that you can implement to improve the quality of ministry in your Church. Even now, be thinking of other Pastors that you could help to implement a disciple-making process in their church.

When to Meet

- □ We suggest that you meet together as a group once every 4 weeks to review and discuss each session. Each Pastor should have completed the appropriate session and assignments before the Pastors Life Group and should be prepared to discuss the material covered.
 This time of Vision, Evaluating, Training, Planning, Sharing, Encouraging and Praying together will be a valuable and enjoyable experience.
- □ You should also meet individually as needed with other Pastors to gain from them or to share with them specific insights or just to encourage each other and pray together.

The Church is a Living Organism - a Body Built around Relationships - not an organization! It has been designed by God to be healthy, grow naturally and reproduce. However, while it is not an organization, it does need to be organized.

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