

Ministry Leaders Training
Ministry, Mission & COVID-19

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Section 1: Obstacles & Opportunities

- Obstacles we've faced with COVID-19
 - Disagreement -
 - Uncertainty -
 - Separation -
 - Loss -
 - Exhaustion -
 - Disunity -
- Finding the opportunities in each of these obstacles

- Comfort from God's Word
 - Psalm 94:14-19 - *"For the LORD will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage; ¹⁵ for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it. ¹⁶ Who rises up for me against the wicked? Who stands up for me against evildoers? ¹⁷ If the LORD had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence. ¹⁸ When I thought, "My foot slips," your steadfast love, O LORD, held me up. ¹⁹ When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul."*
 - Psalm 131:1-3 - *"O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. ² But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. ³ O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forevermore."*

Section 2: Relational Discipleship

- A Fresh Way of Looking at Church Ministry
- How Coronavirus Impacted Trellis Work
- Refocusing on Vine Work

Discussion Questions

- What obstacles have you faced personally and in ministry in 2020? How can these be used as opportunities for Christ and the Gospel?
- What do you think about the Trellis and the Vine paradigm? How does it reshape the way you think about your own ministry?
- What would it look like to put people over programs in your areas of ministry?

Section 3: Relational Evangelism

- The Gospel in Scripture
 - What is the gospel?
 - Why do we share the gospel?
 - How do we share the gospel?
- The Path to Evangelism Growth
 - Set a concrete goal.
 - Biblical path of awareness, confidence, and perseverance.
 - Set small, doable steps to build each other up.
- Practical Action during COVID
 - Prayer journal - use extra time to pray during COVID.
 - Using the Multi-Faceted Gospel for spiritual conversations.

Discussion Questions

- Look at the presenting needs section of the Multi-Faceted Gospel chart. Share a time you helped someone face one of these needs. How did the gospel answer help you help them?
- In your personal life and in your ministry, how can you be more engaged in sharing the Gospel?
- Take a few minutes to use your prayer journal and pray for one unsaved F.F.N.C. that God brings to mind.



THE MULTIFACETED GOSPEL

THEOLOGICAL CONCEPT	IDENTITY OF GOD	DESCRIPTION OF SIN	GOSPEL APPLICATION	PRESENTING NEED	BIBLICAL REFERENCES
JUSTIFICATION	Merciful Judge	Disobedience Law-breaking	Forgiveness Righteousness	Guilt Unrighteousness Self-Righteousness	Romans 3:21-26 2 Corinthians 5:21 Colossians 2:13-14
REGENERATION	Gracious Life-Giver	Death Sickness	Rebirth New Life	Hopelessness Emptiness Failure	John 3:1-9 2 Corinthians 5:17 1 Peter 1:3-5
RECONCILIATION	Wise Peacemaker	Hostility Rebellion	Peace Restoration	Alienation Brokenness Anger	Romans 5:7-10 Ephesians 2:11-16 Colossians 1:19-22
ADOPTION	Loving Father	Lost Self-Reliance	Identity Acceptance	Purposelessness Loneliness Insecurity	Luke 15:11-32 Galatians 4:3-7 1 John 3:1-3
REDEMPTION	Powerful Deliverer	Bondage Oppression	Freedom Rescue	Addiction Fear Depression	Romans 6:16-18 Colossians 1:13-14 1 Peter 1:17-19
SANCTIFICATION	Holy Purifier	Impurity Uncleanness	Purity Value	Shame Unworthiness Abuse	1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Ephesians 5:25-27 1 John 1:5-9