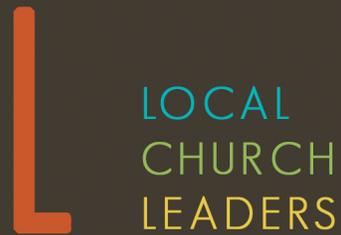


GO AND REACH!

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Jesus said in Matthew 28:19 to go into all the world and preach the gospel. This was His command to the church...all of the church. In this verse, Jesus commanded you and me to preach the gospel. Now I know some of you may be thinking, *Jesus must not be talking to me because I am NOT a PREACHER.*

You may not be called to preach behind a pulpit using your voice, but you are able to preach the gospel **using more than words**. You can preach the gospel with your actions, your talent, and your lifestyle. God gave each of us abilities and talents that were meant to be used for the furtherance of His kingdom and **reaching the lost**.

As Hyphens and young adult leaders, we are called to **go and make disciples**. I hope we are always able to put on the best events, the most “relevant” services, and attract guests to our churches. But more than that, I pray the Hyphen generation would always remember that we do all of these things for one purpose—to reach those that do not know Jesus Christ. We must remember that the church is *not for the healthy, but for the sick*.

I often tell our students and young adults, “If you don’t feel able to pray someone through to the Holy Ghost, just get them here and let someone else pray with them.” Your gift is different than mine, and that is what makes the body of Christ powerful. God has given all of us the ability to reach the lost according to our gifting.

The Hyphen generation is so creative, passionate, and driven. This generation has the potential to develop and grow our Hyphen groups into mini-congregations. We can make an insurmountable impact on the Kingdom because young adults are desperately **hungry for God and a move of His presence**. One of my favorite verses of Scriptures is Proverbs 3:5 (NKJV), “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.” Our job is to be faithful and creative, to find our God-given place in the body of Christ, to do anything and everything to get people through our doors, and then trust God to give the increase.

Don’t be afraid to start a weekly or monthly Hyphen service. Don’t be afraid to host an awesome event. Plan big, dream big, and have **faith that God will bring the increase!** Don’t settle for your Hyphen group to be limited to only the young adults that are currently plugged in; make room for more and allow God to grow your Hyphen group beyond what you can imagine. God says, “If you are faithful in the little I trust you with, I will bless you with more.”

I truly believe the Hyphen generation can help facilitate a new wave of souls being added to the church. **God has called us to reach the lost**. Maybe it is in the form of preaching, planning an awesome event, or just by being a true friend to a person in need. Our focus must always come back to the lost: “I run the sound to the best of my ability to reach the lost. I get a group of people together every week to play soccer so I can reach the lost. I put on a Hyphen service or Bible study so I can reach the lost. Everything I do is so that people who do not know God can meet their Savior.” God called us out of darkness and into His marvelous light. My prayer for the Hyphen generation is that through every ministry endeavor, souls are able to see His light.