

New Groups Modeled after The Master:

Jesus Started a New Group, Go and Do Likewise

Model

Leave Off – love the masses, but lead the few – Luke 5:4 “now when he left speaking”

Launch Out – the mission is away from the safety of the shore – Luke 5:4 “Launch out into the deep”

Let Down – Using what you have (network) for Kingdom purpose – Luke 5:4 “let down your nets”

Lift Up – bringing others to Christ – Luke 5:5b – 6 “at thy word”

Lead Others – building others up to become like Him – 5:11 “they forsook all, and followed him”

Method

Seek – Luke 19:10 – He came to seek and to save

Shepherd – Ezekiel 34:22 – 31 – powerful picture of Jesus the Shepherd and description of ministry

Send – John 20:21 – He has always been a sending God

Metrics

From Manna (source) to Magnification (Force) to Movement (Course) – Luke 4:1 – 21

Mission – Luke 5:10 – 11

Ministering – Luke 5:12 – 39

Mentoring – Luke 6:1 – 9:1

Ministry – Luke 9:2 - 62

Multiplication – Luke 10:1 – 11

7 Steps to Launching your New Group

Consecrate, Commission, Commitment, Connect, Community, Covenant, Content

1. **Consecrate:** - Pray to the Lord of the Harvest for 'laborers unto the harvest.'
2. **Commission:** Discover a people group (for example: nearly or newly married, parents of preschoolers, single moms, 90 year old and above women recently widowed) or people Jesus misses most (Acts 1:8 cards).
3. **Commitment:** Gather 2 – 4 people and share the mission – "I'm looking for people who will help me reach these people."
4. **Connect:** Think like a missionary – Where can I encounter these people? What are their needs, interests, etc.? How can we connect with them?
5. **Community:** Engage in the mission – find ways to connect and build a sense of community (fellowship – friendships are forged over food) at a time and place they can gather.
6. **Covenant:** Enrollment Covenant, 'pray for you, share with you, and care for you and your family if you ever have a need.'
7. **Content:** Honor covenant and build group around Bible content: Teach People the Bible.