



God's heart is to send us out of the church building and scatter us into the streets of our cities that he loves.

Alan Scott: Scattered Servants (2018)





## REPOSITIONING



The story of Christianity is the story of those disciples of Jesus Christ who were driven to do well with the time given to them. The history of Christianity is marked by seasons of advance and decline.

Those seasons of gospel-driven advance focused on reaching people for Christ. Movements are spawned by innovation driven by a conviction of the authority of Scripture and this burden to reach people for Jesus Christ.

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#### **EVANGELICAL INNOVATIONS**

- 1. "Mini-Church" Model: De-emphasis on large gatherings.
- 2. "Scattered Church" Model: Outside the church walls.
- 3. "Missional Church" Model: Engaging "lost" on their turf.
- 4. "Embracing Technology" Model: Enhancing our reach.

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Then Jesus came to them and said,
"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Therefore, (wherever you or as you) go
make disciples (followers) of all nations (people groups),
baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey
(faithfully follow) everything I have commanded you.
And surely, I am with you always (every day),
to the very end (completion) of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20 NIV



# BIGGER HEARTS FOR BETTER CITIES



Jesus gathered his twelve disciples and imparted to them authority (power) to cast (drive) out demons and to heal every sickness and every disease. Jesus sent out the twelve with these instructions: "Go ... find the lost sheep among the people ... And as you go, preach (proclaim) this message: 'Heaven's kingdom realm is accessible, (arrived or come near), ...' You must continually bring healing to lepers and to those who are sick, and make it your habit to break off (drive out) the demonic presence (demons) from people, and raise the dead back to life. Freely you have received the power of the kingdom, so freely release (give) it to others."

Matthew 10:1, 5-8 TPT

### **AUTHORITY VS ABILITY**



Every church planter and pastor dreams of having skilled supportive servants. People who buy into the vision, ... who are behind you as a leader, ... who step out and serve, ... and bring their skills to the table. If you get enough skilled supportive servants, you can build a great gathered environment, having stunning church services, and create exceptional church programs. But there was a problem with our thinking. ... We were using people to build church instead of growing people who changed culture. We were growing church structures but failing to raise sons and daughters. We were recruiting good volunteers instead of releasing trusted rulers. Nothing in our model of "doing church" required believers to know their identity, ... understand their authority, ... or engaged them with being change agents. ... In short, all of it failed to unleash the power of everyone, everywhere, everyday.

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#### CATALYST "REPOSITIONING" STEPS

- > Step One: Pray, Fast and Listen
- Step Two: Go Out Among the Lost
- Step Three: Engage and Gain Access
- Step Four: Search for Receptivity (POP)
- > Step Five: Start Discovery Groups



## **DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY (DBS)**



The Spirit of the Lord God is upon (on) me because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor; He has sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord (His grace) and the day of vengeance of our God (on His enemies); to comfort all who mourn. to preserve those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning,

the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, they might be called trees (oaks) of righteousness, the planting of the Lord. that He might be glorified. They shall build the old ruins; they shall raise up the former desolations (raise a new city out of the wreckage), and they shall repair the waste (ruined) cities, the desolations of many generations. (take the rubble left behind and make it new).

Isaiah 61:1-4 MEV

