

# Taking Him to the Streets

What We Are Attempting at GCF Dayton To: Reach the Lost; Share the Gospel & Make Disciples...  
And the Concepts Behind These Efforts

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## Chapter 2: Seven Critical Concepts of All GCF Outreaches (All 7 Work Conterminously)

1. Fishing is Following – According to Jesus Christ: (A Community of Disciples)  
(Luke 5: 4-11) (See Operation Reconciliation Parts 1 & 2: Outline & CD)  
“If we are not fishing for men, then we are following a Jesus of our imaginations”  
(Matthew 4:18-20) (Mark 1:16-18) (Leaving, Cleaving & Fishing = Following)
2. Going Before We Are Ready: (A Missional Community)  
(Correcting my Big Mistake has become a GCF Secret to Our Limited, but Growing, Success: )
  - a. Servant Leadership & Everyone A Servant (A Serving Community)
  - b. Project Based Learning (Matthew 10; Luke 9 & 10; Acts 1:6-7 vs. Acts 8 & 10)
  - c. Learning As We Go / On the Job Training (Acts 1:6-7 vs. Acts 10)
  - d. Challenge Members (Disciples) to Acquire a Platform to Impart His Grace – (2 Cor. 1:3-8)
3. A Decision Making Model vs. A Disciple-Making Model: (A Discipling Community)
  - a. Rethinking the Sinners Prayer in the Contemporary Spiritual Climate
  - b. Rethinking the Gospel: Restoring Missing Elements (Every Seed Brings Forth its Kind) (Quality Stones)
    - i. The Bad News: Attributes of God; Attributes of Man; 10 Commandments; Alienation
    - ii. God Centered vs. Man Centered
    - iii. The History of Israel – “I will build my church” (Matthew on Jesus Fulfilling Moses)
    - iv. More than Savior vs. Lord Debate: “He is Saving Us from Being Our Own Lord.”
    - v. Call to Repentance: (See Biblical Vocabulary Handouts on Repentance ....)
    - vi. Trust; Follow; Cling To; Abide In; Obedience of Faith; Join Mission; Conform; Study, Etc.
    - vii. Exclusivity –
    - viii. Supernatural Conformation – Signs, Wonders & Deliverance
  - c. Gospel Based Discipleship: Prenatal Development (#4c Below) & Biblically Measuring (#7 Below)
  - d. Three Ingredients of Biblical Discipleship: Information, Impartation, Formation (Rick W’s Article)  
(2 Timothy 3:10) Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance ...
4. Belonging Before Converting: Post-Modern Necessity (Perhaps More Biblical: See John 3: 3, 5 Below)
  - a. Acceptance As You Are & Empowerment To Grow: (A Welcoming Community)
  - b. As They Are Able to Hear: Waiting for the Lord to Open the Door (Sometimes 3 Years)  
(Mark 4: 33-34) <sup>33</sup> With many such parables He was speaking the word to them, so far as they were able to hear it;  
<sup>34</sup> and He did not speak to them without a parable; but He was explaining everything privately to His own disciples.
    - i. As Trust Develops & Defensiveness Drops
    - ii. As Gospel Awareness Develops – Especially Our Sin (Personalized) & His Grace
    - iii. As a Desire to Know God; or Belong In Alternative Community or Join Mission Develops  
*Beware When We Are Trying Harder than They Are*: (Fosters Entitlement & Sinks Our Boat)
    - iv. As Gospel Centered Worship; Scripture Readings; Messages; Creeds & Communion Do the Work  
(1 Thessalonians 2:13) <sup>13</sup> For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted *it* not *as* the word of men, but *for* what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe. (See also Isaiah 55:11; Romans 10:17; Hebs. 4:12; Etc.)
- c. Preparing For & During Prenatal Development: (A Gospel Centered & Spirit Filled Community)
  - i. Explain John 3:3 & 5 Very Briefly: Developing in a Gospel Centered Sack of the Holy Spirit
  - ii. In All We Do - Seed of the Kingdom Gospel & Rain of the Holy Spirit (John 3 & 5)
  - iii. Avoiding Premature Births & Trophy Reaping Mentality (Give Room; Know Conversion Process)
  - iv. Pre-Evangelized: Waiting for Defenses to Drop (Building Trust for The Offense of the Gospel)

- v. If You Are Going to Have Babies – You are Going to Change Diapers
  - vi. Redefining Freedom: “... if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:36)
  - vii. The POW Principle / Prisoners of War – Are Still Citizens
  - viii. Spiritual Parenting vs. Spiritual Fornication (Whatever It Takes to Raise Them Right)
5. Paul’s Modus Operandi – Targeting Strategic Ponds (A Militant Community)
    - a. Rediscovering the Pattern – See Handout in Foundational Materials (Chapter 3 Below)
    - b. The Seed in Proper Perspective: What Jesus & Paul Knew about “Generational”
      - i. From Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses & David: It’s Always About the Seed
      - ii. The Word is the Seed / We Are the Seed / The Next Generation is the Seed / Soil (John 12:24)
    - c. The Campus: University Students (Future World Leaders) & High School Students
    - d. Effective Fatherhood: Affirming & Caring While Moving Through the EPDC & Challenging to Grow
  6. Pole Fishing vs. Net Fishing – Evangelistic Investigative & Targeted Bible Studies
    - a. See Sample Materials – Chapter 3 Below
    - b. See Rethinking the Gospel (Chapter 2; #4b Above)
    - c. See Biblically Measuring ... (Chapter 2; #7a & #7b Below)
  7. Biblically Measuring Conversion, Growth, Health & Discipleship
    - a. Five (5) Vital Signs of Life
    - b. First Five Steps into the Kingdom of Christ (See Foundational Materials: Chapter 3 Below: Samples )
    - c. The EPDC: Evangelism, Pastoral, Discipleship Continuum
    - d. In Addition: Challenging Them to Grow Up in All Things (Ephesians 4:15-16) (1 Corinthians 3:10-13)

**Related: Core Values of GRACE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP of Dayton:** ([gcfdayton.org](http://gcfdayton.org))

**1.) Every Person Needs the Good News of Reconciliation to and Discipleship through Jesus Christ** (Matt. 28:18-20)  
 The church is called to “make disciples” not merely decisions. With God’s help we witness to the richness of life and purpose we have found in relationship and obedience to Christ. We open our lives to those who are not disciples of Christ by declaring the fullness of the Biblical message, inviting them to follow Christ into the Kingdom of God. (Acts 20:18-21)

**4.) The Obedience of Faith Practiced is as Important as Correct Doctrine**

We want our deeds to support our beliefs before a watching world. What we believe will determine how we live. How we live will determine the effectiveness of our mission. A Biblical lifestyle characterized by loyalty to Christ, love, purity and faithfulness is essential to our role as witnesses and indicative of our relationship with Christ. (James 1:22-25)

**5.) The Holy Spirit Empowers Us to Live a Life of Worship, Discipleship, Fruitfulness and Obedience**

Our lives are to be filled by the power of the Holy Spirit who is dynamically moving in the world today. God indwells us by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit applies God’s Word to our hearts in transforming power. The fruit of a Spirit-filled life is Christ-likeness. The charismatic gifts of the Spirit equip us for service and worship. We embrace the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit to enable us to glorify Christ and exalt God the Father. The ministry of Jesus is ongoing and unchanged in the church through the power of the Holy Spirit. (John 15:26-27: 16:7-15) (1 Corinthians 12:3) (Acts 1:8) (Mark 16:15-20)

**7.) Community is an Essential Biblical Value - Ministry is Every Member’s Calling - Reproduction / Fruitbearing**

We are called to live in committed, gracious and sincere relationships as brothers and sisters in Christ. Rejecting the practices of our individualistic culture which breed isolation and alienation, we seek to build one another up in Christ, to pursue Godly relationships, and to serve God together as a team with our time, energy, gifts and resources. We believe that every member is called to service in the life and ministry of the church fellowship. This is expressed in worship, pastoral care, ministry to children, administration, and ministry to the surrounding world in mercy and witness. Church leaders are called to equip the members for service. The maturity and health of a church community can be gauged by the distribution of service and ministry among the members. We seek to build a model Community that can be Reproduced.

**9.) Personal Mentoring Care / Discipleship is for All Leaders and Members** (1 Peter 5:1-9) (2 Timothy 2:2)

We are committed to the care and support of church leaders and to a system of mentoring for every church member. We promote a leadership-style that equips, encourages, challenges, trains, recognizes, releases and utilizes the multifaceted giftedness in the church. Pastoral care can vary in form and intensity from small groups for growth, care, and service to personalized care for everyone and leadership training. This care should be characterized by friendship, good personal relationships, mutual respect, openness, and humility both in giving of this care and in receiving. It should also promote Christ-like character, healthy family life, wise Biblical decision-making, and a fruitful life of service in Christ Kingdom.