

Before You Go

Walk through the following with your team before you start
(Not at location of project)



Purpose: Share the good news of Jesus in words and actions

"Go and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19)

"The Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost." (Lk. 19:10)

Partner: Cooperate with God in what He is already doing

"Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does." (John 5:19-20)

- How has God been working in this individual's life already? • How can we join Him in His work today?
- Are we depending on the Holy Spirit or our own strength?

Posture: How you do is just as important as what you do

"If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing." (1 Corinthians 13:3)

"Like harsh words spoken without tact, or a fire burning outside a fireplace, missionality by itself can hurt the cause of Christ more than it helps." – Tangible Kingdom Primer

- Will we treat this person as a project?
- Or will we treat them as someone created in God's image and deeply loved by Him?
- Will we be servants, willing to do whatever it takes?
- Or will we be complainers, looking to do the bare minimum?
- Will we talk only with each other or seek to engage those around us?
- Will we do all the talking or ask questions that show we care about the people we serve?
- Will our tone be judgmental or filled with love? Condescending or understanding?
- Will we listen attentively, looking them in the eye, or be distracted?

Prayer: connect to god and his power

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. (Luke 10:2)

- Let's keep eternity in mind as we meet temporary needs
- Before, while, and after we go, let's remain connected to God in prayer.
- Let's pray together before we set out.

AFTER You Go

Walk through the following with your team when you're finished

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We need to dramatically shift our thinking about what a service event accomplishes. We've pretty much conditioned ourselves to be able to consume anything – even a service event. But let's not throw out the baby with the bathwater, because there are some great uses for event-based service events. We just have to keep a new perspective in mind as we do them.

Old School

The event itself is the end goal of planning.

A one-time service event is all God requires.

We all go back to our normal lives when the event is done.

The event stands alone as a part of doing church.

New School

The event is *the means for engaging need on a deeper level.*

A one-time service event is *something God uses to shape our hearts for more significant things.*

We are all challenged to *ponder what we're learning, how it should impact how we live and what more we could do.*

The event reveals service as a significant part of *being* the Church.

- Barefoot Church Primer

A few questions

- What needs did we discover that we could engage on a deeper level?
- How is God shaping your heart for more significant things?
- Is there anything more we could do? If so, what and when?