

# P.A.S.S. I.T. O.N.

## *Challenge at CBU's Ministry Principles*

This acronym covers the eight core principles of having a reproducing personal ministry with your life. These core principles are at the heart of what we do through Challenge at CBU.

### **Pray**

When Jesus saw the crowds and realized their need his first step was to tell his disciples to pray (Matthew 9:36-38). It's been said "prayer *is* the ministry." Our ministry begins with prayer for you own devotion to Christ as well as a prayer for laborers to join you in ministry.

### **Assess your audience – assess the spheres of influence you are a part of and your ministry target**

Many Christians do not have a real relationship with a lost person. Make sure the spheres of influence you spend time in have a need for ministry. If all your spheres of influence are just believers, you may need to find new ones. Be intentional about which sphere of influence you spend time in and target for specific ministry.

### **Sow Broadly**

In the parable of the soils, the farmer does not seem to take time to carefully plant seeds but throws them everywhere. At the beginning of Jesus' ministry he preached broadly to many towns and ate with sinners and tax collectors (Mark chapters 1-2). Paul began work in most towns by going to a central location and preaching the gospel to many. If the power is in the gospel (Romans 1:16) than we should share the gospel frequently and exhaustively within our spheres of influence.

### **Search for key people**

We want to be intentional about reaching an entire affinity group by working through the "gatekeeper of the group" and looking for the "people of peace." The gatekeeper is the person that everyone looks to for direction. They often can validate our presence within the group, or

invalidate it. We seek to build good relationships with the influencers in the group. We also seek to find people who are responding to God. Our job is to pray, love people and share the gospel. God alone saves people. As we share the gospel we look for people who are interested (even if the interest seems small). As we find people of peace we walk with them at their pace as they take steps toward Jesus.

### **Invest in people of F.A.I.T.H.**

As people count the cost and embrace Christ we find the ones who desire growth and prove Faithful, Available, Initiative taker, are Teachable, and have a Heart for God and people. We invest in them by helping them read the Bible to know God, pray to talk to Him, fellowship with others through small groups and church involvement and help them learn to share the gospel through telling the story Christ's work in their lives to others.

### **Train them to reproduce**

The goal is to teach the faithful who will be able to teach others (2 Timothy 2:2). The best way to train is "on the job." Take the people you are investing in with you as you sow broadly and invest in others. Make sure the things you teach are transferable and memorable.

### **Open their eyes to the nations**

Jesus' command was to "go" and "make disciples of all nations." The picture we see of heaven is people from every tribe tongue and nation standing before God. Make sure the people you invest in know Christ's commands to go and God's global agenda. Obedience in this may look different but the goal should be the same.

### **Nudge them forward**

In discipleship we are seeking to train people to lead the next generation. We must help raise our replacements. We must give the people we are investing in opportunities to lead.