

# InsideOutsideIn

Connecting God's work in us to His work through us to engage cultural diversity in our communities with the Gospel.

# *INSIDE* TRANSFORMATION *INDIVIDUAL*



► And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

► Rom 12:2 KJV

# INSIDE TRANSFORMATION INDIVIDUAL

My cat watching me clean out  
it's litter box



Meology

Saved *FROM* something-Me focused

- You are not going to hell
- You do not have to pay the penalty you deserve
- You getting God's mercy and grace
- You enjoying God's blessings (safety, wealth?)
- You getting to be with God for all eternity
- You having Christ prepare a place for you in His Father's mansion

Theology

Saved *FOR* something-God focused

- Pointing the world to God's mercy
- Worshipping Him
- Giving Him the glory He deserves
- Exalting Him for His greatness
- On MISSION for the Kingdom



# ***INSIDE BUILDING FAMILY***



And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ***to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ***, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, ***when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love***. Eph 4:11-16 ESV

# ***INSIDE BUILDING FAMILY***



Philippians 2:14-16 KJV

Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Holding forth (fast to) the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

***Why is a strong, healthy church important....***

...because God has a mission!!

# OUTSIDE READY



“It is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world, as that God has a church for his mission in the world. ***Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission – God’s mission.***”

— [Christopher J. H. Wright](#)

“Mission exists because worship doesn’t.”

— [John Piper](#)



And Jesus came and said to them, “***All authority*** in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ***Go*** therefore and ***make disciples*** of all nations, ***baptizing them*** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ***teaching them*** to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, ***I am with you always***, to the end of the age.” Matt 28:18-20

# IN HARVEST



After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;  
And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. Rev 7:9-10 KJV

# Why Here, Why Now??

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## Political Ideas about Minority Cultures



## Ethnic and Racial Diversity Increasing



## Urban to Rural Migration and Demographic Shifts

# CONNECTING THE DOTS



***OK, So What Now??  
Where do I start??***



# LEARN



*JOURNEY WEEK  
KAIROS  
STMT*



**CONNECT WITH A MISSIONARY**





# PRAY

*Wisdom and self-evaluation*

*Opportunities will come, BE READY!!*

# ENGAGE

## Inter-Cultural



- \*Start with your neighbors, community**
- \*Discuss supplemental questions with small groups in your church family.**
- \*Initiate spiritual conversations with your church family.**

## Cross-Cultural



- \*Be a learner and don't be afraid!!**
- \*Pray for openings for cross cultural engagement**
- \*Learn about "Alongsider" principles**

# ***What do you think??***

- \*Have you had cross cultural engagement? How did it happen? What have you learned?
- \*What makes you the most uncomfortable regarding cross cultural relationship?
- \*Do you think your church is prepared for cross cultural ministry? Why or why not?
- \*What are the greatest challenges for Apostolic Christians regarding evangelism and discipleship of people who are different?
- \*What are some ways that you can put yourself in places that allow cross cultural engagement in your area?
- \*Have you done a personal inventory of your thoughts and attitudes towards those who are different? What did you find?

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