

# Developing a Ministry Plan

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## **1. Outreach (Connecting)**

What does your class do when people visit the church and are assigned to your class for follow up? Will anyone participate in weekly outreach? Are phone calls made?

### Coordinated Task

### Creative Task(s)

- Make phone contact with people assigned to your class.
- Follow up with those who visit your class.
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## **2. Teaching (Growing)**

Is your class just filling an hour with activity or do you have goals for each lesson and for the year? Are we as leaders seeking to entertain or to stimulate growth?

### Coordinated Task

### Creative Task(s)

- Have a growing relationship with Christ yourself.
- Be well prepared and involve the class in the lesson.
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## **3. Care Ministry (Ministering)**

Is the class divided into effectively functioning care groups? Ministry is best done in smaller groups.

### Coordinated Task

### Creative Task(s)

- Create a forum for care groups.
- Use a care group roll sheet.
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## **4. Guests**

What does your class do when a guest is present for the first or second time? Is there a plan to welcome and plug them in?

### Coordinated Task

### Creative Task(s)

- Have an assigned greeter or care leader.
- Class introduction time.
- Take guests out to eat
- Visit in home or phone ASAP!
- Gift basket
- Dinner in a home
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## **5. Relationship-building**

What plan does your class have to help people get to know one another? Do class activities promote relationships?

### Coordinated Task

### Creative Task(s)

- Name tags
- Use lesson introduction to create interest and build fellowship: "Tell of a time that..."
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## **6. Communications**

How does your class communicate? A plan is needed both in times of crisis and for general info about events and activities.

### Coordinated Task

### Creative Task(s)

- Care Leaders Call Groups
- Email group
- Calling post
- Web site (plan)
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## **7. Evangelism**

Do you have a plan to share the gospel with the lost? Do you assume everyone is okay spiritually?

### Coordinated Task

### Creative Task(s)

- Share the gospel in class
- Equip class to share
- Challenge: Share with every person who visits your class
- Contagious Christian (like 40 Day emphasis)
- Teach to share using John 3:16
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## **8. Fellowship Events**

How often do you get together to fellowship? Time in class is limited and strong relationships are built outside of class.

### Coordinated Task

### Creative Task(s)

- Schedule monthly fellowships.
- Care Group fellowships.
- Combine with service projects.
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### **9. Prayer Ministry**

Every class shares prayer requests. Is there follow up? Are these communicated and recorded?

Coordinated Task

Creative Task(s)

- Use cards, pass to right
- Email to all
- Follow up on requests
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### **10. Spiritual Growth**

Do you have any plan in place for long term growth? Or do you just hope that people will grow? Is there any accountability?

Coordinated Task

Creative Task(s)

- Church events: CLU, Voyage, etc.
- Testimonies in class
- Meet needs
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### **11. Class Service (Ministry & Missions)**

Is the class participating together in any projects of ministry or missions? Are you teaching service?

Coordinated Task

Creative Task(s)

- Adopt a missionary or country
- Pick a class mission project to support (Pray, Give, GO!)
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### **12. Involvement**

Is the class encouraged to be individually involved elsewhere? Do we rejoice when our members have opportunity to serve in the preschool ministry rather than being in class?

Coordinated Task

Creative Task(s)

- Encourage people: Involvement Challenge
- Give Involvement leader a forum monthly
- Share church-wide needs & prayer requests
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### **13. Leadership Development**

Are we finding and developing leaders? Do you give others opportunities to refine their gifts?

Coordinated Task

Creative Task(s)

- Allow someone else to teach once a month/two
- Enlist all your officers
- Monthly meeting
- Stay excited about what you are doing.
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### **14. Multiplication**

Are we making strategic plans to start a new class every two years? Do members know what to expect?

Coordinated Task

Creative Task(s)

- Keep the strategy front of the class
- Share the class history often (where you came from)
- Look for places God is at work
- Have effective care groups
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