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“Developing a Christian Education Program
In a Post Quarantine Church”

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Session 1 Outline

“The What and Why of Christian Education”

The Mandate: Matthew 28:18-20

“Then Jesus came to them and said, All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 19. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. 20. And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you and surely, I am with always, to the very end of the age. Amen.” NIV

I. Definition

Christian Education is the organized process of teaching and training which brings people into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Christian Education is designed to help church members grow and mature into a committed, fruitful life of discipleship and to pass on this life of faith to the present and next generations. Through an organized system of ongoing teaching of the Word of God, Christian Education seeks to assist the church in carrying out its tasks of Proclaiming, Worshipping, Evangelizing, Teaching, Equipping, Fellowshiping and Missions.

II. How to Build a Christian Education Ministry (CEM)

- 1) Must have excellent rapport with Pastor.
- 2) CEM leader must have clear understanding of vision and mission of the church.
- 3) All ages must be included.
- 4) All persons must be included, saved and unsaved.
- 5) All facets of life experiences must be included
- 6) Entire Bible must be taught.

III. How to Set Goals:

- 1) must be achievable and realistic.
- 2) must be specific and measurable.
- 3) must have deadlines.

- 4) must be written down.
- 5) must be flexible.
- 6) must be agreed to by all.

IV. How to Build the CEM Team

- 1) The CEM Team may differ from church to church.
- 2) Should consist of officers and representatives from various ministries.
3. Should be empowered to work.

V. How to Empower the CEM Team

- 1) Tell them what you expect.
- 2) Give them an opportunity to perform.
- 3) Let them know how they are doing.
- 4) Instruct and empower them when they need it.
- 5) Reward them for a job well done.

Session II Outline – The Post Quarantine Church

Before (normal) – what were we like?

During (new normal) – what did we do?

After (?) – what will we look like?

The Post Quarantine Church by Thom S. Rainer

Mr. Rainer outlines and discusses six challenges and opportunities that will determine the future of your congregation.

CHALLENGES:

Challenge 1. Gather differently and better.

Challenge 2. Seize the opportunity to reach the digital world.

Challenge 3. Reconnect with the community near your church.

Challenge 4. Taking Prayer to a New Powerful Level

Challenge 5. Rethink your facilities for emerging opportunities.

Challenge 6. Making lasting changes that will make a difference.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Challenge 1 – Gather differently and better

1. Think of one innovative way your church could use its facilities, perhaps something that has never been done.
2. Think of alternative days and times when your church could gather for worship services. Think creatively to reach people you are not currently reaching.
3. Think of ways your church could possibly partner with the local government or schools to use your facilities.

Challenge 2 – Seize your opportunity to reach the digital world

1. Think of the differences in your community since the pandemic and the implications for how you will do ministry in this new era.
2. Think of which social media channels might be most effective for your church now.
3. Think of how your church connects best with a non-Christian who has only digital connection to your church.

Challenge 3 – Reconnect with the community near your church

1. Think of some way your church can be more of a positive influence in the community.
2. Think about principle of slow erosion and consider whether this gradual decline is taking place in your church.
3. Think about the comeback of the neighborhood church and consider whether some of those positive developments are in place in your congregation.

Challenge 4 – Take prayer to a new and powerful level

1. Think about the prayer ministries that took place in your church during the pandemic. Think about whether they are still present today.
2. Think about other church members who may join you in praying for your church and community on a regular basis.
3. Think about the technologies your church used during the pandemic and the ways those technologies can be used for prayer ministries today.

Challenge 5 – Rethink your facilities for emerging opportunities

1. Think about how your church facilities were used before the pandemic and how that is changing and might change more.
2. Think of ways that your church may partner with another organization in the use of your church facilities.
3. Think about how the digital streaming of services during the pandemic might change the future of your worship services in your physical facilities.

Challenge 6 – Make lasting changes that will make a difference

1. Think about how receptive to change your church was during the quarantine and note the lessons you can learn from the period.
2. Think about where some of the most beneficial change has already taken place in your church.
3. Think about where your church may face some of the greatest challenges in adapting and changing in the post-quarantine era.

Summary

Christian Education should be the vehicle which undergirds and supports other ministries of the church to ensure that the educational goals and objectives of the church are met. All ministry goals and objectives must line up with the overall mission and vision of the church.