

PROSPER THE CITY



WEEK 1
WHO

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WHAT

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HOW

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SERVE

ABOUT WEEK 2

In Week 2 of Prosper the City, your team will vote on WHAT project you'll do, WHERE you'll do it, and WHEN you'll do it. You'll close with some HOW planning, where each member takes on a role to make the project happen. This week has a lot of activity to get to, so keep a tight rein on discussions!

TIME NEEDED

75 – 90 minutes

ITEMS NEEDED

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Easel pad | <input type="checkbox"/> Markers | <input type="checkbox"/> Post-It notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Sticker dots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sheets of paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Pens | | |

CHECKLIST BEFORE YOUR GROUP ARRIVES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for the group | <input type="checkbox"/> Print Discussion Guide | <input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments (optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean meeting area | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean bathroom | <input type="checkbox"/> Crack open front door |

OPENING (5-7 MIN)

Briefly welcome everyone and say: Last week we covered WHO we are, and then dabbled in the big picture of WHAT we'll do as a service project. Today we'll vote on a WHAT our project is before jumping into some of the HOW.

3 QUESTIONS (7-10 MIN)

After a discussion, say: But just like last week, let's start with some time in God's Word.

CAN I GET A VOLUNTEER TO READ LUKE 7:1-10 ALOUD FOR US AND THEN WE'LL ASK THREE FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS?

After the reading, say: Okay, let's do some brainstorming on the whiteboard here—

Divide the sheet into three horizontal sections and write PEOPLE, JESUS, and PROJECT at the top of each section, respectively. As people answer, write them on the appropriate section of the easel pad.

WHAT DOES THIS ACCOUNT TELL US ABOUT PEOPLE? (OURSELVES OR OTHERS)

WHAT DOES THIS ACCOUNT TELL US ABOUT JESUS?

WHAT DOES THIS ACCOUNT TELL US ABOUT OUR PROJECT?**VOTING ON WHAT (5-7 MIN)**

First, read through last week's WHAT ideas to refresh the team's memory. After that, ask:

ARE THERE ANY NEW IDEAS OR REVISIONS YOU'D LIKE TO ADD?

Record any revisions, then say: Somewhere on here is the start of our service project! We'll get to details and logistics later, but right now, we need to land on an idea.

Hand each participant three colored-sticker dots and say: Now we get to vote! The team isn't voting on the most-important need. Or the biggest need. We're voting on a need you believe we can meet at the end of this month with a one-time service project using the assets of this group. Remember, we're not creating or voting on a program, this is a one-time project.

PLACE A STICKER ON THREE IDEAS YOU THINK THIS TEAM IS BEST EQUIPPED TO ADDRESS. GREEN IS YOUR TOP VOTE, YELLOW IS YOUR SECOND PLACE, RED IS YOUR THIRD PLACE.

Host, after everyone has voted, tally the votes. Green dots get 3 points, yellow dots get 2 points, red dots get 1 point. (Ranking projects prevents someone from strong arming the group with their pet project.)

After the votes have been tallied and added up, announce the winning WHAT of your project.

BRAINSTORMING WHERE (7 MINS)

Say: Now that we've decided WHAT we're doing, let's brainstorm WHERE we could do it. For instance, instead of saying, "youth" you'd say, "Minges Creek Elementary". Get specific!

SHOUT OUT PLACES WHERE WE COULD DO THIS "WHAT". I'LL WRITE ONE ANSWER ON A NEW COLOR OF POST-IT NOTE AND PLACE THEM ON THE WALL.

Host, write each idea on a separate Post-It note, one idea per note, and place them on the wall.

VOTING ON WHERE (3 MINS)

After ideas have been suggested, hand participants two colored-sticker dots.

TIME TO VOTE AGAIN! PLACE A STICKER ON WHERE YOU THINK THIS TEAM IS BEST EQUIPPED TO SERVE AT THE END OF THE MONTH WITH A ONE-TIME SERVICE PROJECT. GREEN IS YOUR TOP VOTE, YELLOW IS YOUR SECOND PLACE VOTE.

Host, after everyone has voted, tally the votes. Green dots get 3 points, yellow gets 2 points. When you announce the winning WHERE of your project, stay peppy and enthusiastic- people will match your demeanor!

CHOOSING WHEN (5 MIN)

Say: Now that we know WHAT we're doing and WHERE we're doing it. Let's talk about WHEN. Today is the 2nd meeting of Prosper the City. Since our group decided not to do a third meeting, we'll have to communicate progress from this meeting via phone and email. Either way, this project must happen sometime after that third meeting on the fourth week, **before Sunday, May 5th**.

Host tip: *If everyone can't be there at the same time, go for the time that works for the most people possible. Someone helping plan an event is service, too!*

WHAT'S THE BEST DAY/TIME WHEN WE'LL DO OUR SERVICE PROJECT?

Write the agreed-upon day/time on the easel pad.

BRAINSTORMING HOW (10 MINS)

Hand out a single sheet of paper and a pen. Then say:

PARTNER OFF INTO FOUR GROUPS. I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU AND YOUR PARTNER(S) AN AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. TAKE 5 MINUTES TO BRAINSTORM AND WRITE DOWN EVERYTHING WE NEED TO ORGANIZE OR PLAN FOR THAT AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY:

SCHEDULE

INVITES

SUPPLIES

JOBS

What's happening when for our project?

Who and how should we invite others (family, friends, city leaders) to be a part of this project?

What do we need to make this project happen?

What are the roles for this event we need to assign?

Start a timer for 5 minutes and say, "Go!" Your energy level gives them a cue on how to respond!

While the groups are talking, tear off 2 separate sheets from the easel pad. Draw a horizontal and vertical line to divide the sheets into quarters and write on the top of each section one area of responsibility, (SCHEDULE, INVITES, SUPPLIES, JOBS) respectively.

Once the timer rings say: I'm going to record the basics of your details on the easel pad. Afterwards we'll assign someone to take on the role but, for right now, I'm just getting the idea written down.

WHAT DID YOU COME UP WITH IN YOUR GROUPS?

CAN THE REAST OF THE TEAM THINK OF ANYTHING MISSING FROM THIS LIST?

Write down any amendments or additions on the easel pad sheets.

ASSIGNING HOW (5 MINS)

LET'S ASSIGN THESE TASKS OUT! I'LL PUT AN INITIAL NEXT TO EACH TASK WE CAME UP WITH, EITHER FOR NOW, OR FOR THE DAY-OF.

Write down the initials of who's responsible next to each assignment.

IS THERE ANYTHING ON OUR LIST I CAN PUT A STAR NEXT TO BECAUSE IT'S TIME SENSITIVE AND WE NEED TO DO IT ASAP?

Draw a star next to any time-sensitive assignments.

CAN SOMEONE TAKE A PICTURE OF THE SHEET SO WE HAVE IT AS A REFERENCE FOR NEXT WEEK?

After taking a photo, say: Since we're not meeting for a third meeting, we'll have to communicate our progress via phone and/or email and/or text. Our progress report should include any updates, any loose ends, and any adjustments we need to make for worst-case scenarios.

WHAT DAY SHOULD WE HAVE A PROGRESS REPORT WITH EACH OTHER AND HOW?

CLOSING PRAYER (1 MIN)

Say: Great job, everyone! Let's close today out with a prayer.

BEFORE WE PRAY, ARE THERE ANY PRAYER REQUESTS YOU HAVE THAT WE CAN INCLUDE IN TODAY'S CLOSING PRAYER?

After prayer requests are shared, close the group in prayer.