



## Organic Outreach for Project Leaders and Volunteers: Part One

This video series:

- 1) People Matter
- 2) Relationships Matter
- 3) The truth Matters

### The Heart of God and that People Matter

In Kevin Harney's book *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People* he says "The starting point of effective outreach is not a system, a program, or a specific presentation. It is a heart deeply in love with God and with people. Without love, no outreach strategy will work. With God's love, we can change the world" (Harney, 2009).

- What is something you lost that was of importance to you?
- How did it make you feel?
- How does God feel about lost people?

### God has a broken heart for those who are far away

All of Luke chapter 15 is about something that was lost.

Luke 15:4-7 *"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."*

### People Matter

#### I. Connect

- Begin connecting as you invite others to join you in your project.
- Look to develop relationships with people as you design and prepare the project.
- Build relationships among your team members.
- Look for relationships in the vicinity/community where you are serving.
- Pray that God will give you great connections that will begin life changing relationships.

## II. Connect some more

- Look for the immediate connections.
- Look for people going through areas of possible struggle.
- Connect through what you have in common.
- Connect because the Holy Spirit is drawing you to someone.
- Go into your project set to make (at least) one new connection. After YOU connect...

## III. Help Others Connect (be a coach)

- Grow: You cannot lead what you do not live.
- Be interested; not interesting.
- Discipleship is about helping others grow.
- Get others to be conversation starters.
  - *Where did you grow up?*
  - *Do you have any pets? What are their names?*
  - *What do you do for a living? Going Deeper:*
  - *What's the best thing that's happened to you recently?*
  - *What's the worst thing that's happened to you recently?*
  - *What, would you say, is most important to you?*
  - *What's your story?*

## IV. PRAY

- Ask the Lord of the Harvest to send workers.

## Follow Up / Discussion Questions:

1. What scares you the most about outreach?
2. How does the statement, "effective outreach is not a system, a program, or a specific presentation. It is a heart deeply in love with God and with people," address your fears?
3. Re-read Luke 15:4-7. Do you think of outreach in this way? Apply this parable to your upcoming project, what are some potential opportunities you might have while volunteering?
4. What are two takeaways that resonate with you from sections 1 and 2 above that you can focus on for your project?
5. What does the idea of "be interested, not interesting" mean to you? How might you need to change the way you approach talking to new friends?
6. Spend time praying for your upcoming project.