

# Opening Doors to Your Community Through...

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## *SEASONS OF DISCOVERY*



# Overview:

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- What is Seasons of Discovery?
- How does Seasons of Discovery Work?
- What happens in each season?
- How do we get involved?



# WHAT?

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What is Seasons of Discovery?



# Seasons of Discovery Is ...

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- A Step-wise Church Transformation Process
- Delivered in Four Seasons over two or more years
- That helps your church begin to engage your community with the Gospel of Jesus



# What Will You Discover?

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- People in your community who are looking for hope (1 Tim. 6:17)
- Good works that God has prepared in advance for us to do in the community (Eph. 2:10)
- People within the congregation who have a passion for reaching the lost (Rom. 1:16)



# More Discoveries

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- God's unique vision for your church (1 Tim. 2:4)
- Joy and excitement from living out that vision in your community (Phil. 4:4)
- The 8 Hinge Factors that open doors to your community (John 10:9)



# 8 HINGE FACTORS

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## 4 Pastor

Personal  
leadership  
Building bridges  
Visionary  
leadership  
Empowerment

## 4 Church

Community Outreach  
Focused Prayer  
Effective Board  
(Structure)  
Inspiring worship



# Each Season Includes:

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- Personal Coaching, Skill Builders & Learning Guides for the Pastor
- Tools for Equipping People for Ministry
- Sermons & Bible Studies to Rally the People of the Church around the Theme of the Season
- Outreach Activities





# Each Season Equips 3 Groups

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- Pastor & Staff
- A Mission-Minded Group Called People of Passion
- The Entire Church



# HOW?

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How Does Seasons of Discovery  
Work?



# *Timeline of the Seasons*

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- Churches have 2 blocks of time (seasons) in a year in which to work consistently on projects;
  - Fall (Labor Day to Thanksgiving)
  - Winter/Spring (Jan-Mar or April-June)
  - Optional Summer Season
- These natural windows of time on the calendar are utilized to focus on the areas of discovery spread out over four or more seasons.



# *Equipping for the Pastor*

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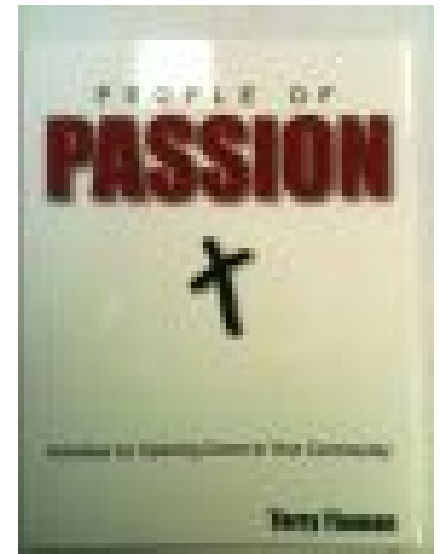
- Learning Guides with lessons in Leadership Development, Change Dynamics, Church Transformation, and Outreach will be provided.
- Skill Builders for each of the 8 Hinge Factors
- Sermon Series for each of the seasons.
- Training for Staff and Lay Leaders.
- A Personal Coach will guide the Pastor through the process in each of the four seasons.



# *Equipping for the People of Passion*

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- Who are People of Passion?
  - Passion for Christ
  - Passion for Congregation
  - Passion for Community
- They engage in 7 Missional Activities
  - Prayer Walking
  - Community Surveying
  - Visioning Day
  - Service Projects
  - Outreach Events
  - Personal Testimony
  - Sharing the Gospel



# *Equipping for the Congregation*

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- Bible Studies
  - Motivation for Mission
  - Discovering God's Vision for Your Community
  - Natural Evangelism
  - Prayer: Stepping Out Into Your Community
- Sunday School Lessons that match the themes for each season
- Leadership Training resources
- Promotional materials



# What Happens?

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What happens in each season?



# Seasons of Discovery Map





# Season 1: Preparation

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- Introduction to the Basic Principles and Practices of Transformation (Romans 12:2)



# Season 1 Actions

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- Gather & equip people who are passionate about sharing the Gospel
- Survey the congregation
- Introduce the process to the congregation
- Pray about the process
- Experience *A New Season for Your Church* (Sermons, SS Lessons & Leader Training)
- Participate in *Motivation for Mission* Bible study



# Season 2: Visioning

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Discovering God's Vision  
for your Community



# Season 2

## Actions

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- Experience *Building Bridges to Your Community* (Sermon Series, SS Lessons & Leader Training)
- Form a visioning team
- Gather data from the community
- Study *Discovering God's Vision for Your Community*



# Season 2

## More Actions

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- Conduct a Visioning Day to identify critical mission targets in the community
- Write a Vision Statement
- Integrate the Vision into congregational life



# Season 3: Outreach

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Finding Practical Ways to Reach Lost People in your Context



# Season 3 Actions

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- Experience *Living a New Vision* Sermon Series, SS Lessons & Leader Training
- Form small groups that will study and carry out the *Natural Evangelism* small group curriculum for the whole congregation
- Develop & Implement at least 3 Community Outreach Events



# Season 4: Empowerment

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Empowering your Congregation to  
Effectively Engage People in your  
Community with the Gospel





# Season 4 Actions

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- Experience *Empowering God's People* Sermon Series, SS Lessons & Leader Training
- Form small groups that will study *Prayer: Stepping Out Into Your Community*
- Conduct monthly Outreach Events



# Season 5 & Following

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Discovering How Your Church  
Can Adapt to Meet the Future  
Needs of Your Community

**Season 5: Learning How to be  
Missional in a Post-Church Culture**



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