



# *Learning Community Four*

## *Launching Motivation for Mission & Interest Groups*

20-30  
minutes

### *Personal Check-in:*

**Facilitator Instructions:** Have the group turn to Acts 13:1-4 and discuss the following questions. After the discussion and sharing, spend some time in pairs praying for one another, especially concerning your answers to question #3.

**Sharing Questions:**

1. What impresses you about this fledgling church in Antioch?
2. How is this church's missionary sending strategy different than how we often send people into ministry today?
3. In what way or ways do you and your church need to be more like the church in Antioch?



30-45  
minutes

## *Homework Debrief:*

**Instructions:** Below is a list of the homework assignments from the last meeting. Ask each pastor to update the group on how they responded to each of the items. After everyone has checked in regarding the homework, take some time to talk about lessons that are being learned so far. Capture the discussion on a whiteboard or a flipchart.

1. Form a Community Survey Task force that will work closely with you to put feet to the ideas from the book and from this module. Come prepared next time to hand out your initial draft reflections on your community.
2. Plan in detail about who will take responsibility to investigate the key pieces of the survey. Set SMART goals (see the end of this section for more detail).
3. Review the entire *Motivation for Mission* manual and CD resource. In the next few weeks, recruit one or two key people who will help spearhead the launch. Come to the next Learning Community with your calendar so you can begin mapping out a timetable for launching the series.



30-45  
minutes

# *Book Review Debrief:*

*Motivation for Mission Kit*

**Instructions:** Give everyone 5 minutes to respond to the questions below and then pair people up to share their responses. After the sharing, ask the group to discuss questions 3-5 together to see if there are any major issues or concerns that need to be addressed.

1. What would you love to see happen specifically through this series?

2. How do you think the congregation will respond?

3. What leadership issues does this surface for you personally?



4. What questions do you have about launching the Series?

5. What concerns do you have about running the Series?

6. How did you go about recruiting people to help you run the series?



45-60  
minutes

## *Case Study Interaction:*

**Instructions:** If a pastor is lined up for this meeting, give him 10-15 minutes to talk about his church. With the remaining time, ask the group to give feedback on the following questions and to spend time interacting with the pastor about the following:

- 1. Please share the prescriptions you received from the Weekend Consultation.**
  
- 2. What progress have you made toward implementing the prescriptions?**
  
- 3. What are the most significant challenges you are facing in implementing the prescriptions?**
  
- 4. Have you done your time study? What did you learn about your use of time? What are you doing to make changes in your use of time? How are you getting these changes rooted in your life for the long term?**
  
- 5. What leadership skills are you focused on developing? Share your sense of progress and your challenges.**
  
- 6. Have you built new bridges into the community? If not, why not? If so, how? What are the results so far? How can you improve your vision casting for reaching the community?**
  
- 7. What are you doing each week to create a sense of urgency? Are you seeing an increase in Sunday worship attendance?**
  
- 8. What are your plans for the next three months?**



60  
minutes

## Learning Activity: Starting Interest Groups

**Facilitator Instructions:** Today's learning component will be a little different than in the past. You will be taking the participants through an actual module from the *Motivation for Mission* series. Before the meeting, familiarize yourself with the module entitled, "Starting Interest Groups." Run the session from the Facilitator Notes for yourself and have the group use the actual Participant Notes in the notebook.

20-30  
minutes

## Planning Activity: Motivation for Missions Next Steps

**Facilitator Instructions:** The purpose of this time is to give each participant an opportunity to start mapping out a planning calendar for launching *Motivation for Mission* and Interest Groups. Pass out a piece of flipchart paper (3M works best) for each person and a stack of Post-it notes. The "Motivation for Mission Next Steps" chart should be reproduced onto the flipchart and then the planning questions will stimulate thinking about action steps. If you have time, have participants share their charts with at least one other person. They can take their charts with them afterward.

**Instructions:** The "Motivation for Mission Next Steps" chart should be reproduced onto the flipchart and then the planning questions will stimulate your thinking about action steps. Review the "Implementation" tab of *Motivation for Mission* and create an Implementation Plan for your church for launching *Motivation for Mission* and Interest Groups in the next few weeks.

# Motivation for Mission Next Steps

Instructions: Reproduce the Next Steps Chart below and brainstorm action steps that you will need to work through after this event. Use the questions below to stimulate your thinking. One action step goes on one Post-it™ note. Don't worry about sequencing the post-it-notes initially; you can do that after you have brainstormed.

## Next Step Questions:

- Who should be included in this?
- When can we get started?
- What needs to be sorted out first?
- What could get in the way?
- How will we get started?
- How should we promote this?
- What decisions need to be made?
- When will we review our progress?
- Other Questions?

Place Post-it™ Notes  
on the Next Steps chart

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**5  
minutes**

### **Homework and Wrap-Up**

**Facilitator Instructions:** Close out the session by highlighting the homework assignment.

**Homework Assignment:**

1. Come to the next Learning Community prepared to share:
  - a. Your plan, with dates and action steps, for launching the *Motivation for Mission* series
  - b. When and how you anticipate launching 5 or more Interest Groups.
  
2. Read *Applebee's America* by Douglas Sosnik, Ron Fournier, and Matthew Dowd. Complete the Book Review Questions.





6. How did this book challenge you personally?

7. What intrigued you from the chapter on Religion (Ch. 3)?

8. Which aspects of the book's philosophic underpinnings are you concerned about?

9. What are your five most important take-away insights from the book?

10. How can you integrate these insights into reaching your community more effectively in the future?



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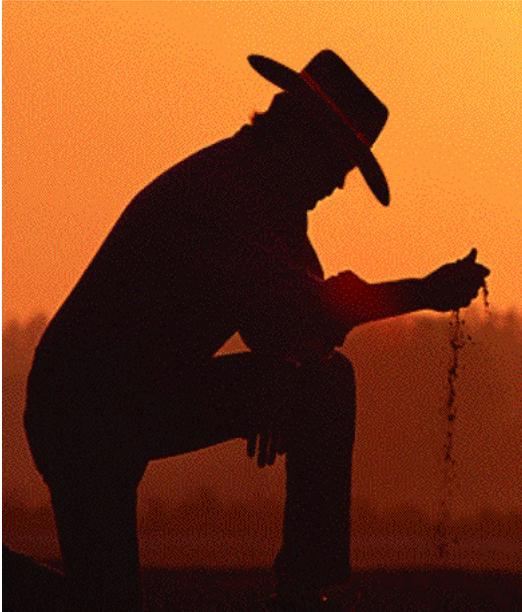
## *LC Evaluation:*

**Date:**

**Location:**

**Questions:**

1. What did you like most about the homework from the last Learning Community?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What did you like least about the homework from the last Learning Community?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How could we improve today's Learning Community experience?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. How can we give you additional support for developing leadership skills in your own life and helping your church turn outward?



# Me and the Harvest

1. How committed have I been to praying for people who need Jesus?
2. What have I done in the past month to help someone move closer to Christ?
3. What changes do I need to make in the next month to find time to be more outreach focused?
4. How did I keep the fire burning for outreach in our church this past month?
5. What have I learned about the community needs in this past month that our church could be poised to meet?
6. What's the most important outreach oriented action step I can take in this next month?