The Church's Role

Stuck or Caged at this Stage

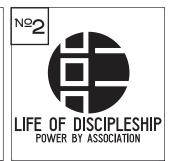
Moving Forward

Spiritual Temperature Test

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	STRONG	NEUTRAL	WEAK
Love			
Joy			
Peace			
Patience			
Kindness			
Goodness			
Faithfulness			
Gentleness			
Self-control			





















Stage 3: The Productive Life

Matt 25.14-30 21 "His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

Biblical Examples

What is happening when you are in this stage

Faith looks like...

Power at this stage is control over resources and decisions—dynamo stage

Characteristics of this stage -Story of the Talents

Beliefs and behaviours



The smaller groups in our church community are inside our homes where we go deeper, build friendships, and walk out the Christian life with each other.

HOME CHURCH OR SMALL GROUP/CLASS QUESTIONS

- 1. "Breaking the Ice" question: (group facilitator)
- 2. Check-ins: What's been happening in your week(s) since last meeting? Introduce yourself if new/new people in group, check in with each other
- 3. Care: Needs in the group; name needs and sentence prayers (short sentences/open ended, not long-winded) at end
- **4.** Compassion: What compassion work is the group planning? Are you inviting your neighbors to join?
- 5. Group Announcements (church-wide and group-only)
- 6. Dig in: Any reflections, discernments, disagreements from last week's teaching (or since you last met)? Look at the Bible passage(s) again and read some of them out loud in the group (and other verses that may have been mentioned). What jumps out at you? (3)These questions are only guides. You may go other directions based on the Bible passage and teaching as well!
 - + What doing activity/spiritual responsibility of the church (or other group: work, home, city) have you done in the past? Which ones did you most feel alive or enjoy?
 - + Are you working on any spiritual goals?
 - + Which of your talents or gifts do you feel good about and are willing to use? Share!
 - + Read Exodus 3.1-4.17. Read God's call to Moses to use his gifts.
 - + What do you think about his reluctance and eventual obedience?
 - + Are there areas you are being called to lead in that you are reluctant? Why?

- + What are those fears and hesitations? Can God use and transform them?
- + Read Luke 10:38-42 the story of Mary and Martha with Jesus. Note that Martha's role was also vital in creating a space for people to encounter Jesus...However what else does this tell us about the "doing" phase?
- + Churches need and love it when people are at stage 3. How do we over-glorify this stage of "doing"?
- + In some ways we are always participating in the various stages of the spiritual journey for ourselves and for others sake. Talk about what that looks like?

Homework: Final questions, prayer huddles for personal requests. r breaking into small groups (huddles) of 2-4, by gender, if large