

LEADERS GUIDE

FACILITATING 5 THINGS CONVERSATIONS

Whether it's their freshman year or the last semester they're on campus, students need to know how to invest their time, talents, and treasures for the kingdom of God. We want all staff to feel not just equipped, but confident in talking to students about what this looks like in their lives currently and as they graduate. Take your time and engage in this with your students. It will be well worth it!

What you need to get started:

- 5 Things for undergrads
- Processing the 5 things worksheet
- Time

How to use this guide:

Use the Engaging Questions to introduce each new section, then take your student through the content in the 5 Things piece.

Opening:

"I'd like to go over 5 key principles that when applied to your life help ordinary people like you and like me, go wherever God calls us, and have kingdom impact over time. I believe these 5 things lay the foundation for knowing and serving God for a lifetime."

Engaging Questions for introducing the 5 things:

- What do you think might be some of those "5 Things" that help people go to difficult places and have impact over time?

Answer: Kingdom Vision, Team/Together, Plan, Ongoing Equipping and Training, and Coach

- In your opinion what do you think is the first step to laying this foundation in your life?

Answer: Surrender

Key Point: *Surrender is the foundation for living a life of impact*

HAVE A KINGDOM IMPACT IN COLLEGE.

THE 5 THINGS

THAT ENABLE YOU TO LIVE LIFE ON A MISSION

Jesus calls every believer not only to follow Him wholeheartedly, but in doing so, to go out into the world as a "sent one". In Eph. 2:10 it says you are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works. As you begin life as a college student what would it look like to have an impact for God in your dorm or in your classes? We want to help you figure that out!

The 5 things is a great way to think through your unique gifts and talents, how to involve yourself in meaningful community, and ways you can make God known wherever He may lead you. Applying the 5 things to your life is definitely a process, but we truly believe by doing so you will have significant impact on your campus, in your community, and in the years to come.

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ANSWER YOURS

Laying the Foundation: Surrender

The key to walking intimately with Christ and serving Him for a lifetime is a surrendered heart. This is the first step when thinking about applying the 5 things, otherwise they are useless. It would be best to have a Surrender conversation as a precursor to your 5 Things conversation but could be done in the same appointment if necessary.

Engaging Questions on Surrender:

- How would you define surrender?
- Describe what your life might look like if you were fully surrendered to Jesus.
- What do you think keeps us from fully surrendering to God?
- How often do you think we have to surrender our will to the Lord?

Key Point: *Surrender is a continual process*

Building on the Foundation: The 5 Things

Once a student is thinking about what it means to live a life of surrender and is processing his willingness to follow Christ wherever He may lead, then they are ready to engage in the 5 Things. After some discussion on the engaging questions start working through the Kingdom Vision section.

Review the 5 Things. If some time has passed since your last appointment ask your student to tell you the 5 Things.

Engaging Questions on Kingdom Vision:

- Kingdom vision may be an unfamiliar term to you. It's probably the least intuitive of the 5. How would you define "kingdom vision" ?

Answer: Kingdom vision is seeing how you fit into God's big picture which then influences your decisions and choices.

Key Point: *It is very tempting to rush to the specifics of our kingdom vision before we clearly understand what scripture says about God's purposes for us.*

- What is God's vision for our lives as believers?

Key Point: *Share scripture on our Biblical purpose. You can use any scripture that is meaningful to you when it comes to thinking about this topic. Here are some example scriptures: Matthew 22:37-40, Philippians 3, Philippians 1:6, Matthew 28:18-20, Eph 2:8-10. For other scripture ideas you can look at the Life Focus series, study #1. This is found on godsquad.com*

KINGDOM VISION

The movement you are a part of on campus helps shape the vision you have for fulfilling the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. It also gives you a place to live out God's purposes while in college. What you are learning now in your movement: reaching out to students on campus, discipling others, understanding what it means to have kingdom impact, these things are laying the foundation for a lifetime of fruitfulness. That's really what kingdom vision is. It's this idea of understanding God's big picture, seeing how you fit into what He's doing, and then letting that influence your decisions and choices now and in the years to come. So as you take inventory today, what would it look like for you to live out your kingdom vision on campus?

RESPOND:

- > What passions and gifts do you have? How do you see yourself using those to serve others?
- > Do you have a heart for a group of people or a specific area of campus?
- > What would it look like for you to live out the Great Commandment and Great Commission in light of your heart and passions?
- > Write a short statement communicating what you believe God is calling you to do.

Team, Plan, Ongoing Equipping, Coach:

Once God has given someone a vision for how He wants them to be involved in building His Kingdom, the next 4 things help to practically live that out. As you take your students through each of the 5 things, encourage them to write down practical action steps for accountability and growth. This is where the rubber meets the road and sets the stage for fruitfulness.

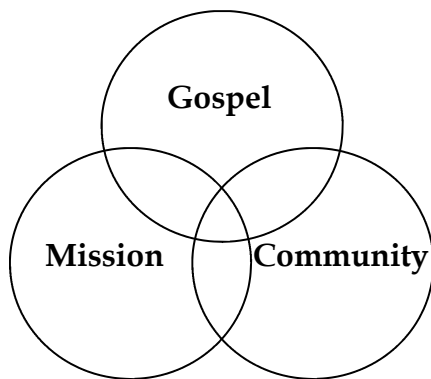
Engaging Questions on Team:

- Why do you think it's important to have a community?
- What do you think it means to live "missionally"? (Win, Build, Send)
- What does that look like for you to live this out on campus? In your classes, dorm, Greek house, etc.?
- Why do you think it's important to have a missional community?

Key Point: *"Community without mission is cancer."*
- Tim Keller

Tangible Kingdom Diagram

This diagram can be helpful for your students to think through the aspects of a team that are vital to fruitfulness. The Gospel circle represents how they experience the gospel personally and also how they share it with others. The Mission circle represents the outward works of the group—humanitarian aid, homeless, Greeks, athletes, etc. While the Community circle shows our need for living this out with others. Explain this to your students and ask the following questions.



- What would it look like if one of these circles was missing?
- Which of these things do you experience most in your life?
- Which one least?
- How can we bring balance to the circles?

TEAM

Without a compelling community, few people can survive for long on their own. Ecc. 4 says, "It's better to have a partner than go it alone. Share the work...and if one falls down, the other helps." Who shares your heart in that they too are surrendered to Jesus and have a vision for your dorm, area of study, Greek house, major, etc? Don't just warm the seats at your weekly gatherings; live missionally with your friends. Gather people to pray, plan, encourage one another and live out that vision together.

RESPOND:

- > Is there a team in your movement that is already pursuing your vision? Could you join them?
- > If not, who do you know that is surrendered to Jesus and shares a similar Kingdom Vision?
- > Think of at least three friends you can ask to join with you to live out your calling on campus.
- > When can you connect with your team to pray, plan and begin living intentionally on mission?

PLAN - ONGOING EQUIPPING / TRAINING - COACH

The last 3 parts of the 5 things are pretty self-explanatory. We have not created any engaging questions to go along with these sections, but please feel free to add some if you like. There are a few key points to highlight when covering these questions in the conversation piece.

Key Point: A plan doesn't have to be elaborate, just something that shows intentional thought.

Key Point: We all continually need to be learning and growing.

Key Point: Just as athletes need a coach to help them reach their potential, it is beneficial to have someone move us toward greater effectiveness for God's Kingdom.

PLAN

"If you aim at nothing you'll hit it every time." Unless you're a trained chef or just incredibly gifted, most people don't walk into a kitchen and whip up a gourmet meal without a recipe. It doesn't have to be elaborate, but the plan should have simple, doable steps that will help you begin to implement your God-given vision. Plan with the end in mind. Having some sort of plan is all about being intentional, and taking steps toward your Kingdom vision.

RESPOND:

- > As your team meets with God, what specific steps of faith is He asking you to take?
- > What do you believe He wants to do through your team to make your vision a reality?
- > What are your first three steps to bring about your vision for God's Kingdom in and through your life?

ONGOING EQUIPPING

Successful people are always growing and developing. Effective organizations are always adapting. Championship teams are always improving. Ongoing equipping is anything you need in order to help fulfill your kingdom vision. This can include further education, skills, tools, training and resources. These things will help you in your journey of walking with God and serving Him for a lifetime.

RESPOND:

- > What three things do you need to help fulfill your kingdom vision?
- > What could you read to help equip you for your kingdom work? Are there any conferences, retreats, or other training sessions that will also help?
- > Ask yourself regularly, "What areas of my life need to be developed to better fulfill my calling?"

COACH

Proverbs stresses the importance of gaining wisdom from others. We can never underestimate the blessing of another who has gone before us and learned a thing or two along the way. A coach is just that person: someone to answer your questions, help you and your "team" when you are stuck, and/or encourage you when the going gets tough. If there is someone already out there doing what you have a vision for, what can you learn from them?

RESPOND:

- > Who is already doing what you have a vision for and what can you learn from them?
- > Is there someone who can mentor you and help you accomplish your vision? Who would that be?
- > If you're having difficulty finding a coach look for one on AllCallings.com.

Ways to implement the 5 things on campus:

- Go through the 5 Things with each student you are discipling. Help them implement the 5 Things in their specific context.
- Use the 5 Things in a small group Bible study.
- Do a series in your weekly meeting unpacking each of the 5 Things: kingdom vision, team, plan, ongoing equipping and training and a coach.
- Point your students toward allcallings.com.