



BECOME A FIVE STAR *Mobilizing* CHURCH



*Ask the Lord of
the Harvest to
Send out Workers*



INTRO

It's crucial for every believer to know how to hear and obey the Word of God. They need to understand how their faith shapes their actions and view of the world. God has entrusted the local church with the burden of equipping and sustaining His workers.

What does it look like when local churches are mobilizing their people to hear, go, and share the Gospel? Does your church equip, send, and sustain Christ-followers as they obey Christ's Great Commission in Matthew 28 to, "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"?

It's a great responsibility to move believers from hearers of the Word to faithful and obedient servants in the Kingdom, but you don't have to do it alone! Here are methods and resources a five-start mobilizing church might use as it moves the congregation from Sunday morning seats to local and global streets.



EXTRAORDINARY PRAYER

The primary indicator of a five-star mobilizing church is its commitment to praying for the spread of the Gospel. If every gathering includes intercession for the lost, pleas for more workers, and thankfulness for the missionaries who are serving faithfully, then every person in the church will know that the Great Commission is of utmost importance.

The focus of your prayers will shape the heart of your church. As you stand before the throne, united in asking God to send workers into the fields and bring more people into His Kingdom, He will transform your congregation, raise up obedient servants, and invite countless

people into His love. When you are committed to these prayers, you'll see changes in your church and in the world around you.

When a church is committed to obedience, every weekly service, elder meeting, Bible study, and small group will include prayer for the unreached and a heart to obey. There will be specific prayer groups and teams who are committed to intentional, extraordinary prayer. And each individual will feel empowered to bravely ask the Lord of the Harvest to send more workers — even if He answers that prayer by sending them!

TAKE ACTION

- Encourage your congregation to sign up for daily missional prayers at TeamExpansion.org/pray
- Host specific prayer events and provide resources to encourage regular intercession on behalf of the unreached people groups around the world.
- Work with one of your missionaries to send a team to their field for the specific purpose of prayer and encouragement.

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INTENTIONAL MESSAGING

A five-Star mobilizing church will consistently share global needs and opportunities with all ages and groups. To really engage in the global need, your people will need to fully understand the current state of the task remaining.

More than 3 billion people around the world do not currently have access to the Gospel. But the evangelical church in the United States sends only 3% of all cross-cultural missions workers to minister to those unreached people groups. The remaining 97% are sent to countries that are considered reached, which means that the established church in that country has the discipling momentum to reach the remaining population.

As a church, how can you consistently help your people know and care about the advancement of the Gospel in nations where there is little to no access to the Good News?

You can do this by consistently and convincingly sharing the need, praying together for more workers, and sending and sustaining men and women from your church who will obey and go. Make sure every group in your church — from your elders to the nursery — knows and cares about those who don't know the Good News.

TAKE ACTION

- Reserve the Wall of the Unreached from U4theU. This wall lists every known unreached people group and can be displayed and prayed through as a church. Visit u4theu.com
- Contact Team Expansion and ask about bringing trainings like Kairos and Jonathan Training to your congregation.
- Set quarterly goals around “Missions Awareness” so you can be intentional in developing a heart for the nations in your congregation.

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A CLEAR PATH

As a church desiring to be a 5-star mobilizing church, you will need to create a strategic plan and specific opportunities for training and engaging members in sharing the Gospel locally and globally.

Having a clear path allows your church to identify, develop, and send individuals in your church to serve locally and globally. As you disciple your people to know Jesus, love Jesus, and live like Jesus, you are developing them for the harvest fields.

Creating and implementing a clear path in your church will assist you in finding

and developing those individuals who have a growing and obedient faith. As you pour into these individuals, you might give them more authority in carrying out specific missions initiatives or invite them to help shape some of the church's missions strategy.

As a mobilizing church, you will also need to have adequate entry points into your path. How can the youth in your church serve and be developed? What about your men's or women's ministries? Families? When you have easy and accessible entry points for the individuals in your church, you will naturally be ready to make disciples as you go.

TAKE ACTION

- Contact Team Expansion's Mobilization team to come and speak on the work that is taking place within Team Expansion.
- Create entry points by providing services opportunities that require a commitment of one hour, one afternoon, and one day.
- Connect with SeatstoStreets.com for a podcast, blogs, collaborative meetings with fellow mission-minded church leaders, and coaching.

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IMMEDIATE INVOLVEMENT LOCALLY

In a five-star mobilizing church, disciples are trained in the fruitful practices of making disciples and expanding the Kingdom in their community. If followers of Christ are not sharing the Gospel with their neighbor, they certainly aren't going to be ready to share in another culture. Your church can easily create a disciple-making mindset that begins at home and carries into the rest of the world.

Do you provide training and resources that make it natural for your people to share their testimony, lead a simple discussion about the Bible, and engage

strangers and friends in spiritual conversations?

When a church is intentional about mobilization, each believer should feel equipped, encouraged, and even instructed to be quick to listen, obey, and share the Gospel. Instead of people feeling like they need to get their unbelieving co-workers or friends into the building to hear about Jesus, they should feel empowered to begin those conversations at home. In a mobilizing church, multiplication happens through everyday people living in everyday obedience.

TAKE ACTION

- Provide resources and training to your church, like Zume and 3-Thirds Bible studies (learn more at Zume.training).
- Listen to The More Disciples Podcast to hear encouraging stories and learn valuable strategies for multiplying disciples (Find at MoreDisciples.com or wherever you listen to podcasts).
- Regularly share stories of disciples in your church who are helping make disciples through simple, genuine obedience.

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MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIPS

One final indicator that your church is a five-star mobilizer is when you find local and global ministries that can connect your people to meaningful stories and service. Hopefully in your area, there are already effective parachurch ministries and organizations that are engaging vulnerable people with the Gospel. You can partner with these organizations in prayer, support, and engagement.

Once you've established some local partnerships, you can look for national and international ministries where your church can grow its impact. Look for ways your church can get involved

beyond a monthly donation. Where can you take your youth to help expand their awareness and concern for unreached people? What ministries resonate with the heart of your women's ministry? Where can you see your church uniting together to advocate, pray, and serve?

A five-star mobilizing church will have established connections with local, national, and international organizations who are committed to bringing the Gospel to those who have never heard it before. Its people will be invested and involved in the stories God is doing through these partnerships.

TAKE ACTION

- Survey the local ministries to see who best aligns with your church's heart for unreached people.
- Provide opportunities for teams to serve locally on a regular basis, nationally once a quarter, and internationally at least once each year.
- Contact Team Expansion about how to adopt an entire unreached people group as a church.

LET'S CONNECT

We hope you are empowered and encouraged to begin these steps to becoming a 5-Star Mobilizing Church! We at Team Expansion don't want you to walk this process alone. We would be happy to have our Church Coach contact you in order to aid and guide in the implementation of these steps. Are you ready to take that next step? If so, contact JR Horn at jr@seatstostreets.com.

Let's partner together so that all may hear the name of Jesus!