Acts/New Testament Reset Your Church Again After Quarantine Dr. Stan Ott, Transferrable Concepts An idea that may be passed from generation to Key Verse: 1:8 Alvin Toffler: generation without losing content "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit *"The illiterate of the 21st century will not be"* comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in those who can't read and write, but those can't I Growing Commitment to Jesus Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to The Great Commandment----Matthew 22:37 learn. unlearn. relearn." Love the Lord your God with all your....) the ends of the earth." 1. Touching Jesus--Personal trust in, faith Acts 14:21 They preached to good news in that An essential tool for discipleship is personal in and following of Jesus city and won a large number of disciples. Then faith in Christ and living into Christianity (Matt they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, Lake) strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to faith **Colossians 4:2** *Devote yourselves to prayer,* In thinking more generatively about leadership 2. Devotional Life--Prayer and Bible study in one's private life being watchful and thankful. (pastors are exhausted), the whole body of Christ needs to be empowered. (*Heather Jallad*) 3. Prayer Covenant--Praying for one Acts 4:14 They all joined together constantly in Living the Word: John 13: Love one another; prayer, along with the women and Mary the John 14: Love each other as I have loved you; another mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. John 15: Love each other (Dr. Susan Harper)

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4. Word-Share Prayer--Being the people of God before doing the work of the people of God
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Presbytery meetings
March 6 & 7, 2020
Workshop---Stan Ott Packet Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Church revival often happen when people pray seriously together in community and invite God's Holy Spirt to lead and guide. (*Dr. Susan Harper*)

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1. People Eyes--Seeing people through the eyes of Jesus

2. Friends of Road and Heart--*Growth of friendship*

- 3. Hospitality and Friendliness The Emmaus Meal *Make room 4 love*
- 4. Grow Disciples Intentional faith formation Micro Groups

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Acts 20:35 "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 16:15 When she (Lydia) and the members of her household were baptized she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house."

Acts 2:46 They broke breads in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts

Acts 5:42 They never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah)

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"The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who can't read and write, but those can't learn, unlearn, relearn."

Love our neighbors well (*Heather Jallad*)

Create new disciples: invite people into your homes (people feel more comfortable in houses—hearts are shared faster) (Josmar Alvarez)

The *first century church* met *both* in the temple *and* in the homes. (*Josmar Alvarez*)

The disciples understand and are equipped to be doing *their* ministry (Eph 4:11,12), not expecting the "do it for me, professional pastor/staff." (*Matt Lake*)

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1. See yourself as "sent"

2. People Eyes Seeing people through the eves of Jesus

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John 20:21 As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Mark 6:7 (Calling the twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits.

Matthew 25:45 I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. Our sending capacity is more important than our seating capacity (*Rick Warren quote used by Dr. Susan Harper*)

The gathered brings strength; the sent brings flexibility. It's not either/or---it's both/and. (*Matt Lake*)

The gospel is for the poor first and then for everyone else. (*Josmar Alvarez*)

3. The Missional Mandate

Show Up--*The compassion of Jesus* Speak Up--*The good news of Jesus* Stand Up--*The justice of Jesus* Acts 2:45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone in need)

Acts 4:34 God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. Our core mission & calling needs to be done in *new* ways, serving, and connecting with new people. (*Matt Lake*)

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Questions for Reflection "Where is the Holy Spirit Leading Your Church?"

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• What are we currently doing to "reach out" to our communities?

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• How do we see ourselves as sent?

• What are we doing now that is working?

• What can we add to the spiritual formation of our disciples?

- How are our communities responding to the ways we are "reaching out"?
- Up until the present, where have we been "sent" by the Holy Spirit?

Rev. Dr. Dee Stokes: (pastor, and former Div. I basketball coach): *"Reset is to set again: back to the original factory settings; or to set differently. And so, God is setting us back to doing church like the first century Christians (our factory settings) AND God is setting us to to new things* • What can we "add" to the goal of spreading the Good News in our communities?

• Are there new possibilities we can dream about?