

HARVEST ROCK CHURCH

THE CALL TO ACTION: PART 1 COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERIES

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TEXTS: Review: Acts 2:46-47 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple (*Celebration Service*), and breaking bread from house to house (*Connect Groups*), they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved (*Community Outreach*).

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations (*panta ta ethnē*), baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.”

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

INTRO: Matthew 28:18-20 gives us the theology, methodology, and strategy of discipling or transforming nations. Jesus defeated sin, sickness, every curse, death, and the enemy when He said, “It is finished.” His Kingdom, the rule and reign of God, has been expanding ever since Jesus began His ministry with the truth when He said, “Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17). To bring the Kingdom of heaven to earth has always been God’s plan, but it was inaugurated when Jesus began His ministry. It culminated when Jesus died on the cross for our sins and then rose again on the third day! Now He has given us the commandment for His Ekklesia, His legislative body, to transform the world before He comes. How much are we going to see the transformation of the world before He comes? That is the million-dollar question. I don’t know. All I know is that “I must work while it is still light.” “I must occupy until He comes.” “I must be about my Father’s business.” I must fulfill the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The greatest sign and gift that God has given to Harvest Rock Church is you! God, in His sovereignty, has placed you here for such a time as this! It is not something to be arrogant about, but to see this as a sober and fearsome responsibility that He expects us to transform and reform California.



The biblical basis for the apostolic strategy for Community Outreach is found in the phrase, *panta ta ethnē*. Literally this means ethnic groups or social groups. There are numerous social groups in a given nation, but for our purposes, we are focusing on and organizing two large blocks of social groups for our outreach. **1) Seven Mountain Groups. 2) Ethnic Groups.** Let me briefly elaborate.

1. The Seven Mountain Groups. In 1973, Bill Bright and Loren Cunningham—two spiritual giants, two “four-star generals” (Jesus is the only one who is a five-star general in God’s Army), two who were highly effective in discipling nations—met together for the first time. They were brought together by a big marketplace donor who supported both ministries financially. They met for lunch, but that morning, as they both had a godly prayer life, they began to pray for each other in their hotel rooms. They were praying for God to bless one another’s ministry: “God, bless Bill’s ministry” and “God, bless Loren’s ministry.” In prayer both received a strategy on how to help the other to fulfill the Great Commission. To the astonishment of these two men, God had given the same revelation to them both.

If you divide a given nation into the main spheres of society that influence culture, you will come up with seven spheres or mountains of influence. **The Seven Mountains of Influence are: 1) Church or Religion, 2) Family, 3) Government, 4) Education, 5) Business, 6) Media, 7) Arts and Entertainment.** The revelation continued that God has His Ekklesia, His people, on all of the mountains, and if these believers would be trained to evangelize and disciple the converts in each of these mountains, this could lead to the transformation or reformation of these mountains, resulting in the discipling or transformation of the world.

The penny dropped into my heart a year ago when Lance Wallnau spoke at HRC in Pasadena on the Sunday morning service after the Global Summit Conference. (Get a clip of the video.) I believe Jesus told me that the apostolic strategy was to build the evangelistic outreach component of the church around the seven mountains. Then, later in September of 2023, He downloaded the simple revelation of the **Three C’s: Celebration Service** (Sunday Celebration), **Connect Groups** (discipleship groups), and **Community Outreach** (our evangelism strategy) [see Acts 2:46-47], with the motto that: “**Transformed lives lead to the transformation of society.**”

2. Ethnic Groups: He added one more strategy in September based on the literal Greek words, *panta ta ethnē*. He told me to target different ethnic groups and the poor. We have 200 languages spoken in LA. I know because I was told this by the Billy Graham organization in 2004 as I was in charge of mobilizing the different ethnic groups to come to the Billy Graham Crusade. So, we are also



going to organize community outreaches to various ethnic groups based on the existing leaders in our church.

The success of this church structure is founded on the Holy Spirit, prayer, and God's Word.

1) Psalm 127:1 Unless the Lord build's His house, they labor in vain who build it. (See also Zechariah 4:6.)

2) Mark 11:17 Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'?"

3) Matthew 7:24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock."

Because prayer is the key to our Community Outreach, we established the VIP prayer cards for every member of our family.

- HRC'S VIP PRAYER LIST. Five names, primarily friends and family members, who live in LA (or wherever your campus is located), who you will be praying for daily and in your Connect Groups, for the purpose of sharing the gospel with them as well as inviting them to our Community Outreaches.
- **Our goal is to change our culture to a culture of love and Spirit-led evangelism.**

PURPOSE STATEMENT: I want to take two weeks to go over the seven mountain and different ethnic group outreach. I want each member to pray and ask what outreach you should be involved in. Pick your top two.

I. COMMUNITY OUTREACH ON *THE CHURCH MOUNTAIN*

A. The Problem

1. According to Eric Metaxas' new book, *Letter to the American Church*, the Church in America has lost her first love like the church in Ephesus (Revelation 2:4). The Church in America is compromising like the church in Pergamos (Revelation 2:14 "to commit sexual immorality"). The Church in America is corrupt like the church in Thyatira (Revelation 2:20 "who tolerate Jezebel"). The Church in America is spiritually dead like the church in Sardis (Revelation 3:1 "you are alive, but you are dead"). And finally, the Church in America is lukewarm like the church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:16 "because you are lukewarm... I will vomit you out of My mouth").

B. SOLUTION



1. **The Church needs to be revived. 1 Peter 4:17 Judgment begins with the house of the Lord.**
2. Revival always begins with the church. My objective during our **Sunday Celebration** is to bring personal revival to you: through worship, communion, equipping you with God’s Word, and calling for fresh consecration.
3. We will bring in guest speakers who are revivalists and reformers to help us on the Lord’s day.
4. We have our annual Global Summit with revivalists and reformers to come and revive you.
5. The most important of the 3 C’s is the **Connect Groups**. We have to disciple people to love Jesus, to be like Him, and to do the same works that He did while He was on the earth
6. But if we are not doers of the Word, we will routinize.
7. If we are not evangelizing as a local church, we will become ingrown.
8. That is why we are focusing on **Community Outreach!**

C. CORPORATE COMMUNITY OUTREACHES THAT WE WANT ALL MEMBERS TO BE INVOLVED IN. E.M.I.: “EVERY MEMBER INVOLVEMENT.”

1. **Leadership: Executive Pastor Gwen, Kuoching, and her team.**
2. **Palm Sunday: March 24, 2024**
3. **Easter Community Outreach: March 31, 2024**
4. **Christmas Community Outreaches: December 8, 15, and 22**
5. How are you to be involved? You invite the people on your VIP list to come. The majority of people who you invite to your church service are likely to come.

II. COMMUNITY OUTREACH ON *THE FAMILY MOUNTAIN*

A. VALUING YOUTH AND CHILDREN

1. **Matthew 19:14 “Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”**
2. **Leadership: Pastors David, Suzy, Carlos, Vashti, and team.**

B. THE PROBLEM

1. **Divorce, fatherlessness, and an orphan spirit.**
2. **30% of Gen Z identify themselves as LGBTQ+.**
3. **4% of Gen Z have a biblical worldview.**
4. **All of these digressions are due to the demise of the nuclear family in America.**

C. OUR STRATEGY:



1. **MARRIAGE SEMINAR OUTREACH**
2. **PARENTING SEMINAR OUTREACH**
3. **CHILDREN’S OUTREACHES**
 - a) **Youth Camp**
 - b) **Vacation Bible School**
 - c) **Harvest Festival in October**
4. Who is to be involved? Those with a passion or a calling to work with elementary-age children, junior high and senior high school student
- D. **SINGLES, MILLENNIALS (1980-1994), GEN Z (1995-2009) OUTREACH**
 1. Leadership: Pastors Fred and Meredith and their team.
- E. **COLLEGE, HIGH SCHOOL, AND JR. HIGH OUTREACH**
 1. Leadership: Pastors Carlos and Vashti, Pastors Mando and Marcia Matthews, Pastors David and Jenny Oh.
 2. I want to focus on the youth because of the covenant I made with God when HRC started in 1994. I said to the Lord, **“No matter how old Sue and I become, we will always make the next generation a top priority.”**
 3. 80% of those who come to know the Lord throughout church history do so before the age of 25.

III. COMMUNITY OUTREACH ON *THE BUSINESS MOUNTAIN*

A. THE PROBLEM

1. 18,000 businesses went bankrupt in 2020-2021.
2. 40-year-high inflation.

B. Leadership: HRC Elders Phil and Dana Liberatore, Elders Cameron and Mariela Hubiak, Elders Robert and Kaylee Fukui.

1. **The Elders and Pastors will lead us in the Community Outreach.**
2. **I want to introduce all the new Elders of Harvest Rock Church. I want to have Phil and Dana Liberatore, Lance and Esther Kim, Cameron and Mariela Hubiak, Michael Zakian and Helena Jubany, David and Allison Medley, Robert and Kaylee Fukui, and Michelle Martinez.**

C. OUTREACHES

1. **Business outreach breakfast, meetings with guest speakers, etc.**

CONCLUSION: Ask yourself if you are called to serve on the Church Mountain, Family Mountain, or Business Mountain.

