**PREPARING FOR THE SUMMIT**

The responsibility for you to prepare for your micro church and mission is on you. We will give you the space, inspire your thinking, equip you through training but ultimately how the weekend impacts your people depends how you prepare. This Leadership Summit is designed for you to lead your people so below are a few questions and suggestions to help you navigate your preparations.

**TWO MAIN QUESTIONS**

1. **Who needs to attend with me?**

Brian laid out a strong call to not come alone to the Leadership Summit and to invite your most committed members and developing leaders. This conference is for every kind of leaders so cast the net wide and contact them now to help them attend.

1. **If all else fails, what’s the one thing you hope happens?**

What is your sense of what Jesus wants to do with you and your micro church? This summit offers lots to choose from but we need to keep our focus on what Jesus wants to do in and through us over the weekend.

**PREP FOR SESSIONS**

The weekend will be broken into three parts. To receive the most from each part here are a few questions and suggestions in preparing for the summit.

**PART ONE** will be a reminder of our simple but profound ecclesial convictions, and then a time of assessment to determine where your micro church needs most work.

* How will you welcome your team as they arrive?
* What’s the spiritual temperature and expectation of your leaders as they arrive?
* Do you and your people have a sense of how to prepare your hearts before the weekend?
* What are some ways your micro church can experience the weekend as a leadership team (sit together, share snacks, wear matching shirts, etc…)

**PART TWO** will be some guided workshops to think through the right questions on how to improve and grow in one of those three areas (the area we have identified as our weakest or most in need of attention).

* Will your team focus and attend the one ecclesial conviction together or spread out and attend more than one?
* How can you help the entire team feel integral so they engage the workshop you attend?
  + Give an assignment: during workshop write down three ideas you think are critical for us to discuss
  + Listen to the Lord and immediately after the session write down one idea, word or image you believe to be from Him for our group.
  + Ask one question to the leader that applies to our group

**PART THREE** there will be some time for each micro church to gather in leadership clusters to steal away some time for much needed praying, planning and dreaming for the fall.

* Have you spent time preparing your heart to lead/serve your micro church during this session?
* What kind of icebreaker do you need to get discussion flowing?
* How will you process the different parts of the Summit yet remain focused on what you believe God wants to accomplish during this time?
* If introducing new ideas, how will you help the group have ownership, as opposed to doing it because you told them to?
* What plans need to be finalized and details communicated?
* At the end of the Summit, is there a sense of what next steps the micro church needs to take + what role each individual has in those next steps?

**OVERALL TIPS**

* **Be flexible**- something will need to be changed impromptu. Be ready and go with what Jesus is doing.
* **Redeem every moment-** every moment is an opportunity to invest in others, to pray, love, inspire or correct.
* **Connect with other micro church leaders**- there will be several opportunities to hang out. Take the opportunities to connect with other leaders and exchange ideas or ask for prayer.
* **Share leadership**- include others in the planning, sharing, decisions…choose the right people; don’t let someone lead prayer who doesn’t really pray.
* **Have fun**- enjoy each other. Depending on your group you may have to plan your fun, including icebreakers, sharing topics and organized hangout times.
* **Shepherd others to Jesus**- model shepherding by leading your group to Jesus.
* **Answer why**- always connect what you are doing to WHY you are doing it.