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TRAINING UNIT 7 (41.55 MINUTES)

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Training Unit 7

GO

1st Commandment of sending: Go II: Going as a team

Summary Go

1. Go ...

Since centuries the main strategy of churches and communities has been:
Come (unbelievers) to our churches...

BUT Jesus emphasizes: **You believers reach out to the unreached...**

2. Go two by two

The ministry of sending should never be done alone, but at least in teams of two.
Later, when Paul was sent, they went as a team as well. During the sending we don't only want to win single people but entire groups/houses/Oikos.
Each group wins other groups for Jesus.

3. Go without ... money ... extra shirts... staff ... sandals ... bag for the journey ...

Going within the Kingdom of God is always a GOING in **total TRUST**.

A "going by faith" – "Going with a Kingdom of God mindset" is always a **GOING and OVERCOMING of voices** that want make us afraid.

4. Go ... and don't greet anybody on the road

- Don't be distracted
- Stay focused

5. Go ... like sheep among wolves

- Faith that he is the Lord over wolves as well and that he is always with us
- Humility and dependence (no other powers/weapons for our defense)

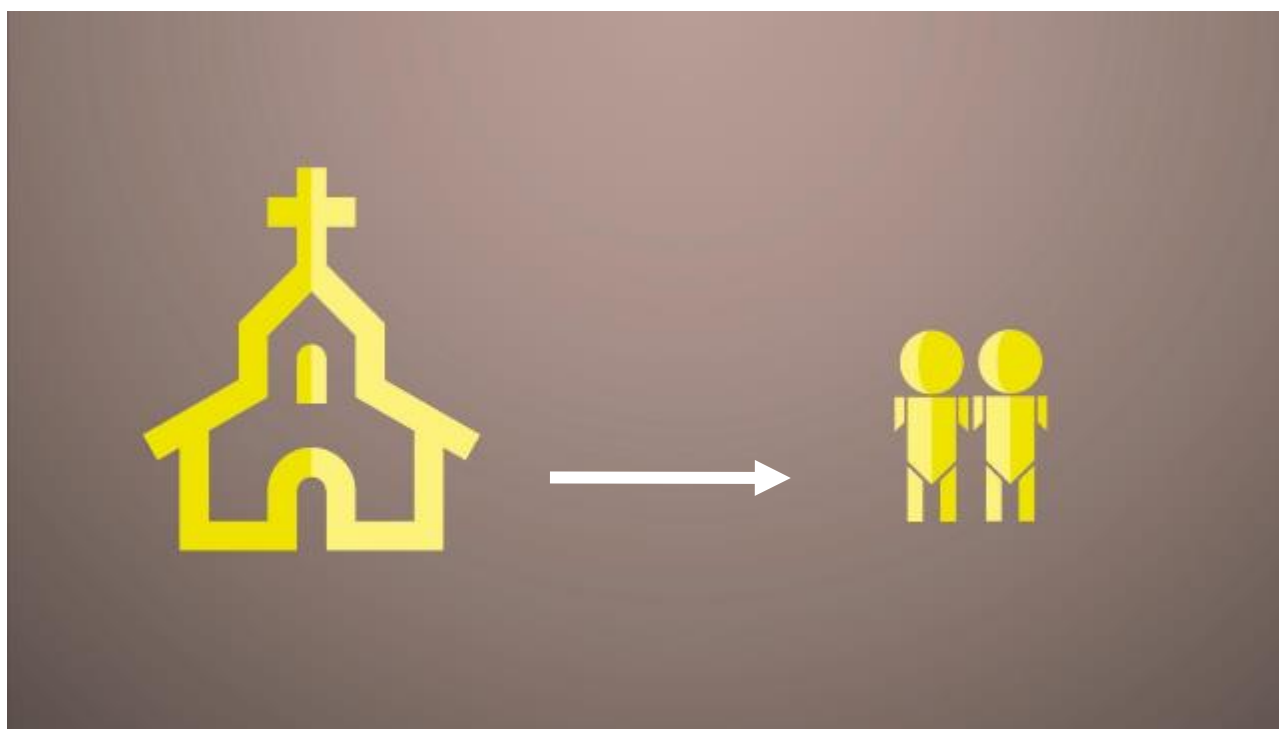
The ministry of evangelism

We bring the good news, to people that don't know Jesus yet, have no real relationship with the Father in Heaven, his Son and fellowship with the Holy Spirit,

- ➔ ... that Jesus died on the cross in Calvary for our sins
 - ➔ ... that he rose from the dead
 - ➔ ... that he wants to and can forgive our sins
 - ➔ ... that he wants to reconcile us with the Father
 - ➔ ... that he wants to enter into our lives to become Lord and King of our lives
- If someone repents, turns away from his old life and is born again, we then invite him or her to attend Church, where they are trained as disciples and live in community with other followers of Christ.

What is evangelism?

- To go to all those people who don't know Jesus yet and to bring them Jesus
- and then bring them into church, where they are trained as disciples and live in fellowship



Side note

Each ministry - be it the sent one, prophet, evangelist, shepherd, teacher – has at least 2 levels:

- 1) All followers of Christ can and must do it in a general way
- 2) Some followers have special gifts in a certain ministry and therefore have a greater capacity to do this ministry

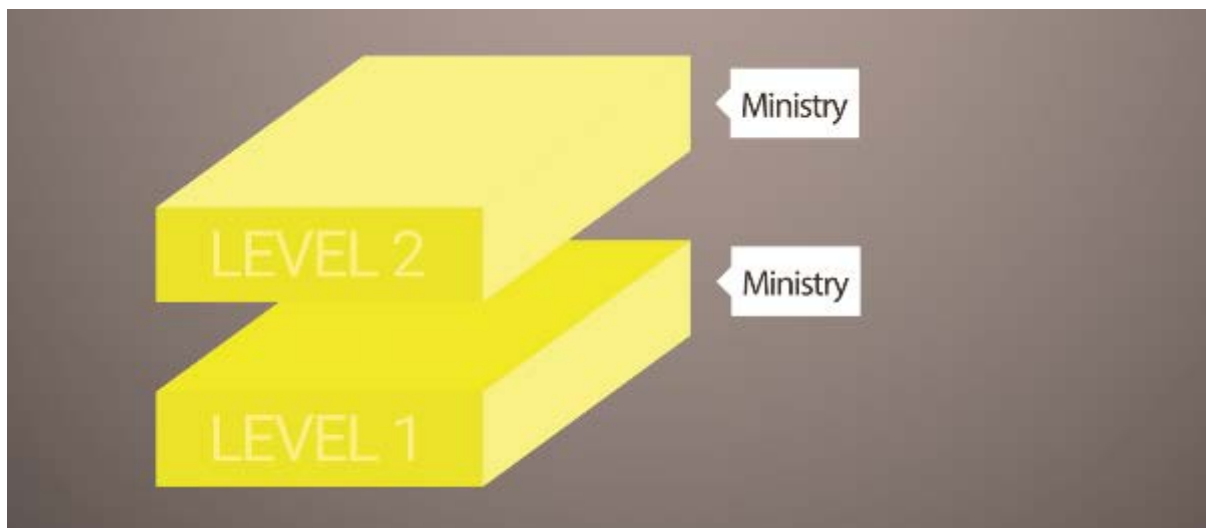
The same is true for evangelism.

Every follower of Jesus can and must do this ministry, but some have special gifts and can do this ministry in a more effective way. AND the same is true for the ministry of sending!

Sending in Latin is MISSIO, which means missionary. In New Testament Greek it is defined as:

- Apostello = to send
- Apostolos = sent one

The ministry of sending, therefore, is a missionary or apostolic ministry



The ministry of sending has two levels:

Level 1: The ministry of all followers of Christ within their **unreached** environment

Level 2: The ministry of especially gifted sent ones who carry it out in a very fruitful way within their environment. For example, they leave their social or cultural environment and go into a new sociological environment, culture, country or religious environment and bring Jesus to its people.

The sent one goes to the unreached people:

Example—Jesus:

- From Heaven to a lost world
- Into the cities, villages and courtyards of Galilee
- To the lost sheep of Israel

Example—Paul:

- To the Gentiles
- On three mission trips he ministers in Asia Minor and Europe
- He mostly ministered in unreached cities (Ephesus, Philippi, Thessalonica, Corinth)

Today, where are the worldwide unreached we are supposed to reach out to?

Revelation 7:9-10

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

- Unreached language groups or ethnic groups
- Unreached geographical regions

Among the approximately 17000 ethnic groups existing worldwide, 6600 are unreached, 2650 among them are Islamic groups.

«Unreached» means:

1. That there are less than 2% evangelical Christians within that ethnic group
2. That there is no opportunity to hear the Gospel. Someone is born, lives his life, gets old and dies without hearing the Gospel ever because there are neither Christians, Bibles nor Churches nearby.

«Entirely unreached» «most unreached» or «least reached» means:

- No community of faith we know of that could independently share the Gospel within their region

Where are the unreached «tribes», «ethnic groups» «languages» and «cultures» around us that we should reach out to?

Example: Eagle above the city

An eagle flies high above a modern city. When he looks down, he sees the city as one. If the eagle flies lower and looks more sharply, he can see that within the city different groups and cultures there are, e.g. Portuguese, heavy-metal fans, business people, squatters, carnival associations, etc. If the eagle flies very low, he sees that the city consists of numerous units and interest groups.



Besides the unreached regions, places and cities there are unreached people everywhere within the REACHED regions, especially within cities:

1. Unreached neighborhoods
2. Unreached ethnic groups (foreigners)
3. Unreached religious groups, groups of other worldviews (spiritual groups, communities of values)
4. Unreached subcultural milieus (e.g. youth cultures)
5. Unreached interest groups (LGTB, environmental activists, alternative groups, squatters)
6. Unreached segments of society (within sports, politics, wealthy people)
7. Unreached groups at the workplace
8. Unreached people in our families or among our remote relatives
9. Unreached apartment blocks

Sociologists suggest that many of those sub groups and sub cultures are actually **new ethnic groups** with their own culture, language and values.

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 24:14

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

The difference between the ministry of evangelism and the ministry of sending

Ministry of evangelism	Ministry of sending
1. By themselves many times	1. Two by two or as a team
2. Bring the good news of Jesus, that he is the Savior of all people around the world, to people around them (single people or groups) that are open to the Gospel.	2. Primarily seek people of peace or key people , who are open to the Gospel and are also open to involve their family, friends and their social network.
3. If someone then believes, repents, is born again and baptized in water and Holy Spirit...	3. Ideally, it's not only the person of peace who believes, repents, is born again, baptized in water and Holy Spirit, but the person of peace along with an entire community - like Cornelius and his friends or Lydia and her entire household
4. ... then we invite him or her to come to Church.	4. If a person of peace or a group have turned to Jesus and were baptized, WE LEAVE THEM WITHIN THEIR sub culture.
5. There he/she are trained as a disciple and lives in community with other followers of Christ	5. There, in his/her environment, we build discipleship groups, spiritual families, communities of faith and train them as disciples
	6. Then we train and «send» them to pass on what they received (new life in Jesus and what has been taught them) - so that a discipleship movement can start.



Example: All Saints Church, Peckham/London

Survey: How many unreached groups were there within 2 miles around their church building? They found 340 unreached groups. So, they tried to reach those groups with the Gospel and they reached 40 groups within 5 years and could plant the Kingdom of God.

Main goals of the ministry of sending

- The goal is not a single new birth, but the new birth of an entire group of disciples
- The goal is not to take the new born believers out of their environment and bring them into church,
 1. But to leave them in their environment
 2. And to encourage them to plant a discipleship group, a spiritual family, a Community of Faith
- The goal is that the new disciples pass on what they have been taught within their environment
- The goal is that a MOVEMENT of disciples evolves from this unreached group
- The goal is that the Kingdom of God advances and the former unreached territory turns into reached territory.

For this ministry that goes way beyond evangelism, more than one person is required!

A team is required! That's why Jesus never sent his disciples by themselves but at least in pairs. After the principle:

Matthew 18:20

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Especially when the unreached group we want to reach lives in another culture, another region or another country, we definitely need a team! In the New Testament sent ones are never by themselves but always at least in pairs or as a team. We can observe that well if we look at Paul and this team.

➔ When we practice the ministry of sending: A group wins groups

Example of Jesus as THE EXAMPLE of a sent one: Jesus and his disciples were a team of sent ones. They went together to cities, villages and courtyards in Galilee and shared the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Example: Levi, the tax collector, Matthew 9+10

Jesus brings the Gospel and sends them out.

Mark 6:7

Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

Luke 10:1

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.

- **Peter and his team** reach Cornelius with his household, family and his friends (Acts 10)
- **Paul and his team** reach the prison guard and his household (Acts 16)
- **Paul and his team** reach Lydia and her household (Acts 16)

Why the ministry of sending?

Ministry of sending always means: Two by two **and/or** a team because...

1. ... humans are created for community
-> **Principle:** It's not good for a man to be alone...

Proverbs 27:17

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

2. ... it is an addition.
3. ... it is a help.
4. ... it is a way setting an example

Matthew 18:20

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

5. ... it is a community

a community of service:

- to strengthen each other by reading the Bible together
- to maintain community
- to pray together

Part II: Application

Task: In case you haven't found anyone yet, with whom you can go and practice the ministry of sending, it is very important now: seek, find and call a partner to go with you!

Task: In case it is not clear to you where your sending field/preferred group of unreached people is, now is the time to recognize and to define it

- a) Someone from the group summarizes this teaching in his own words. If anything is missing, the others can add to the summary.

- b) Group exchange/group discussion

c) Write down personal revelations from the teaching

d) Write down, what things can be put into practice, with whom, when and where exactly you want to **go and reach the unreached**

e) Each group presents what they learned and presents the precise goals of how to put things into practice

Part III: Outreach

Regular practice of **GOING** (2-3x a week, 6-9 hours in total) to the unreached of the ethnic group God put on your heart. This should be accompanied by 2-3 prayer walks (4-6 hours) each week.

Time Commitment for the ministry of sending:

What	Hours	Hours per activity	Time left each week
Week	7 x 24	168	168 h
Sleep	7 x 8 =	56	112 h
Work	5 x 8.8 =	44	68 h
Marriage/Family	7 x 2 =	14	54 h
Meals	7 x 3 =	21	33 h
Sport	2 x 2 =	4	29 h
Media	7 x 2 =	14	15 h
			<u>15 hours left!</u>

Let us not be deceived by the enemy concerning our time we have available!

BEsent is a training - without practice it is almost useless!