

## ENGAGE, MOBILIZE, AND LAUNCH CITY STUDENTS

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“In everyones story of faith there are people who have shown up and become catalysts for their spiritual growth. Think bout it. if you reading this right now, chances are you believe what you believe and you do what you do because of the way someone influence your faith.”

### **Engage**

Create something they can connect with

Continuously remind ourselves it is not about us, but is

#### ***Meet them where they are***

in order to change them, you have to capture them

What are you doing them that is capturing their heart.

Are you meeting them where they are?

Capture the heart of the students you serve.

Cant be focused on platform, be focused on people

***Their position and perspective changes when you make it personal.***

***That crosses culture, city and every barrier.***

#### ***Love them how they are***

What is their story, their story is informing who they are and how there is hope and redemption.

What is their life plan?

Not answering that “your wrong” but saying “I wonder if”

***Be patient with their growth***

You have to be ok understanding that you are just seed planter

I may not see what they grow into

They will not become everything they are supposed to be in the time that you have them.

**You are giving them things in their NOW that they will need in their NEXT.**

You are picking things up in one level, that I may not use now, but will you in a later level.

What I deposit in you now, you will use it then.

**Mobilize**

*There is a gap between what you know and the real world that kids live in. It's your job to bridge the gap*

We usually ask them to bridge the gap, that's our job.

***Believe in their abilities***

Do you look at them and see their purpose and potential.

"Do you believe down deep that every young person is wired to do significant things."

Our belief has to be way bigger than theirs because they may not see it yet.

Ideas - you change their life when you believe in their idea.

Every success is started in someone believing in an idea.

I made so many mistakes that I thought were dumb, but God thought was amazing.

I had to help cultivate the idea to make sense.

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*If you are scared to start something. if you are not starting something because you won't understand you won't want to be great. People won't understand the idea at the beginning. you have to believe in it.*

***Believe in them, even when they fail***

Dr. Chap Clark - HURT

Adult agenda v. youth success but all the pressure is on the kid.

Education - teachers success to test grades

Parenting - our success tied to our kids

Environments where they can risk & love them when they fail.

They fail in lots of ways, will you believe in them even then and believe those failures will be used.

**Launch**

***Your programs should be intentionally designed to send them out, not to keep them in.***

"I went to a church where they were event driven, but never taught me Jesus"

Search for the kids in the corner and no one pays attention to, they can change the room.

We have been conditioned to get people in, we forget about sending them out. Quantity that we forget quality

***We cannot be a place where empty kids leave empty.***

***Let them Lead***

Teach them, train them, release them.

***Let them fail***

Let it be okay when they fail

Is the failure through your lens or their lens.

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Effectiveness is different from their lens to ours

Is it even a failure? What is a failure?

Why do we kick young people when they are down, when they take a risk and fail?

Give them space to fail

Growing With - Kara Powell (all part of their journey) how do I walk with you in this journey.

Hurting people, hurt people. We must look at the problem, not just the symptom

### ***Be Their Safety Net***

Love them so much, engage, mobilize, launch them, do the work. That kid will hurt your feelings, you can't do away with them.

### ***You cannot allow culture to catch what they didn't launch***

If you are going to make it personal, you are committing to being there with them in the good times and in the bad.

We cannot treat them the same way we treat God. Good times we good, bad times we out

Your heart will help them recover, even when they fall

Is it about the platform or the people.

### ***Are we impacting our cities for the kingdom?***

"The place God calls you to is where your deep gladness and the worlds deep hunger meet." - Frederick Buechner