

CONNECTING POINT

LEADERS MANUAL



Multiplying healthy churches among all people...

GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

At **Connecting Point** it is our desire to multiply healthy churches among all the people across the entire **world**. We understand that statement is a God shaped goal, but we believe it is attainable by following an effective, new testament strategy.

Connecting Point (CP) is the organizational umbrella which will oversee our global footprint. Underneath the CP umbrella, each city impacted will have a CONNECT church that will empower their community through evangelism, discipleship, and leadership development. The training for that growth strategy will be produced through and with the CP staff.

With that said, our desire to impact the world on a global scale has to be effective on a local level first. **Connect NYC** is to be a blueprint model for a strategic movement of God on a local level that will inevitably make a global impact. This is our attempt to start with the end in mind and work backward so that everyone gathers the **BIG PICTURE**.

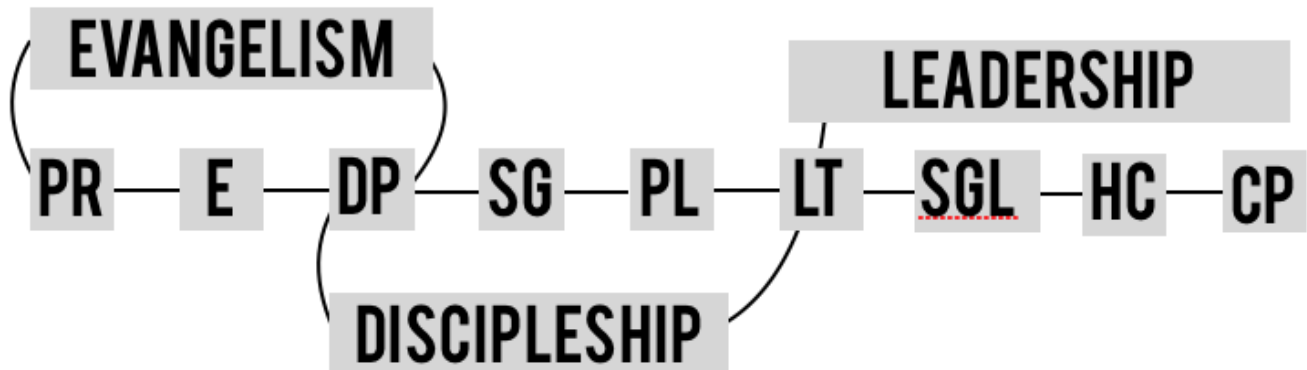
The booklet you hold in your hands is an **overview** of our attempt to radically change the world through Evangelism, Discipleship, and Leadership development.

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to finish *it* lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see *it* begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish'? Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

Luke 14:28-31 New King James Version (NKJV)

“What is my ROLE on the Connecting Point / ConnectNYC team?”

LOCAL FOOTPRINT



The diagram above is a breakdown of how we can help people develop in any environment either globally or locally. The process is a picture of someone’s spiritual growth journey. The goal is to help this person come from completely unknown to us to maturing in their faith and becoming a potential teammate. Notice that our goal with each individual is not just to help them get saved and attend our church. Instead, this process goes beyond salvation and church attendance into leadership on the CP team. We realize that not everyone will make the jump to leadership, but the best way to infiltrate a neighborhood with the gospel is to be indigenous to that neighborhood. Therefore, if we train leaders that will lead a CONNECT church plant alongside our team, we will be more effective than continually pooling leaders from an outside source.

On the next few pages you will find a breakdown of each individual growth stage. Understand that not all people will begin at PR and walk step by step through the process. But each person will need to be brought under the three major headings to advance and have our culture and DNA.

EVANGELISM - (WE ARE REACHING THEM)

(P)ERSONAL (R)ELATIONSHIPS - Without a doubt the beginning and ending of helping people become fully developed followers of Jesus Christ starts with a personal relationship. Our team will be experts on making friends in an unfriendly environment. Finding any way possible to cultivate new relationships with the sole purpose of building a bridge to help them take their next spiritual step.

(E)VANGELISM - This is a one-on-one time where you take the opening from the personal relationship you have developed to help your friend understand, profess, and possess salvation from the Lord Jesus Christ. Our team will be experts on overcoming obstacles to help as many friends, neighbors, and family members come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

(D)ISCIPLESHIP (P)ROCESS - Still very much a part of the evangelism process, discipleship is taking your friend who is now saved or unsaved and instilling four distinct goals in their lives. This is to help them have the tools to grow. The four goals:

1. To have a daily walk with God in the Word.
2. To establish a daily prayer life and time with God.
3. To serve as the church to those in need or in the church gathering alongside you and then on their own.
4. To begin to help someone develop this same spiritual growth track. (PR - E - DP - etc...)

DISCIPLESHIP - (WE ARE SERVING TOGETHER)

(S)MALL (G)ROUPS - Helping each disciple grow in community with other Christians is key to helping them to not develop a "lone wolf" or consumer mentality. In small groups, each person is able to find friendships that will have a deep impact on their spiritual growth and maturity.

We believe this is a BREAKING POINT! The reason is because there is a distinct difference in DISCIPLESHIP and LEADERSHIP. Just to be clear, EVERYONE SHOULD BE A DISCIPLE MAKER! The GREAT COMMISSION (Matt. 28:19-20) is to go and make disciples! We are never going to be effective until we become relentless in the art of making followers/learners of Jesus Christ.

However, not everyone will follow through to become a leader that has a desire to lead leaders into planting churches. For that reason, it is imperative that we understand all the ins-and-outs of making a disciple that reproduces themselves in others. But, we need to be fully aware that not everyone is called to LEAD.

This is the BREAK POINT that will identify, equip, and work alongside LEADERS.

LEADERSHIP - (WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER)

(P)OTENTIAL (L)EADERS - Allowing your disciple to begin to serve alongside you and branch out on their own discipling others will be the key in spotting this potential leader. This is the time where high accountability and training will give you the opportunity to hand pick those that potentially lead alongside us.

(L)EADER (T)raining - We will begin to take all (PL's) through a hands on training that will equip them to lead effectively. The process of MODEL, TRAIN, OBSERVE, and EMPOWER will be how they will be trained and how they will train others.

(S)MALL (G)ROUP (L)EADER - This is someone that has been discipled, is engaged in evangelism and discipling someone regularly, is a key worker in a small group, and has influence. This leader will need empowerment to lead and grow a small group by holding the small group accountable to the evangelism and leadership portion of the process above. This small group leader will also be prepped and held accountable for leading others in the group to reproduce themselves in others and will possess an understanding of their involvement in the upcoming "House Church".

(H)OUSE (C)HURCH - After effectively leading small groups that are growing, these small groups will naturally mushroom into meetings of several small groups. When enough of these small groups form the incubation of a church or house church is forming this house church will need to have a distinct staff and a regular way to meet. CP staff will work alongside the group leaders to help train, promote, launch, and followup with this church's mission, vision, and methods.

(C)ONNECTING (P)OINT - This is the stage where we work alongside each other to continue to infiltrate neighborhoods, domestic, and foreign to plant churches together.

Side notes:

- * Connecting Point is the overall organizational umbrella = domestic and foreign.
- * We will begin with planting **5 churches** in each of the **5 boroughs** of NYC. (*ConnectNYC*)
- * All of the NYC churches will fall under the **CONNECT/NYC** banner... Redeeming Grace, Beach Church, and any other connect churches.
- * Eventually we will see CONNECT/LONDON or CONNECT/ASIA (as examples) and go GLOBAL.
- * We will have directors over each of these branches and see an impact of hundreds of thousands of people be saved!
- * I CANNOT WAIT TO CONTINUE THIS JOURNEY WITH YOU!