

THRIVE

Level 3 – Coaching Session 4 and 5

Session 4:

Optimizing Your Church's Ministry Platform (60 min)

Your foundation for ministry is essential to your health and vitality. What are the overarching statements that define your ongoing church life? In this session, we will cover the five key defining elements of a well-written ministry platform. These include your statement of faith, your philosophy of ministry, your vision statement, your mission statement, and your organizational structure. All of these are to be supported by your current listing of ministries. It's important for your church leaders to understand that your ministry platform is not something to be written once and then filed, and subsequently forgotten. Instead, a church's ministry platform needs to be a living document, continuously before you as a guide to leadership development, decision making and community life. We will urge you to treat your ministry platform as a white paper, always open to review, revision and renewal. Kept alive, your foundation will be secure no matter how well (or poorly) various aspects of your church life are being fulfilled.

Session 5:

Goal-Setting for Kingdom Impact (60 min)

Writing effective goals sounds easier than it actually is ... especially when you're writing goals that impact the life of the local church. Treating ministry goals in a "measurable" fashion can oftentimes be misunderstood. However, since we serve a goal-oriented God, who has a Master Plan in mind for his people, it's important that we write out goals that we sense are descriptive of God's calling and direction. When it comes time to begin to fashion our goals into understandable objectives, we often need help writing them in such a way that everyone is motivated to accomplish (or exceed) their intent. In this session, your coach will help you learn how to write SMART goals ... and instruct you on simple principles for interviewing your goals to ensure they are written out in language that's Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Results oriented and Time-dated. All ministry goals are to be articulated in such a way that they answer the basic questions: who, what, when, where, how and why. Once spelled out in this way, they can be evaluated for Kingdom impact early on and along the way toward completion.

Bonus: We anticipate new initiatives will be implemented in your church based upon the 3-Level THRIVE process. Should additional funds beyond the church, district, and USMB budgets be unavailable, MB Foundation may be able to assist. Please contact THRIVE@mbfoundation.