

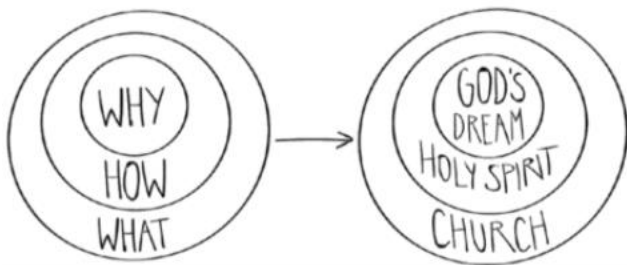
FINDING FRIENDS & A CHURCH

Four P's: Passions, Proximity, Purpose, & Personality

Practical Tips For Finding Friends

- Intentional
- Initiate
- Incarnate

The Big Why: God's Dream



Practical Tips For Finding A Church

- Use your relational networks for recommendations.
- Start your exploration online. Investigate vision, mission, value statements on the website.
- Listen to sermons online before visiting.
- Visit more than once before making a decision.
- When you visit, introduce yourself, don't wait to be found.
- Limit your search to approximately 3-4 months. Eventually you'll need to decide. Choose to commit and get involved.

Practical Tips For Getting Involved

- Join a small group or bible study. Even if it feels awkward for a while.
- Invest where you are planted by giving financially to the church.
- Get to know others by finding a way to serve.
- If there is a process for membership take the first step. This is usually an introduction course or class that teaches about the church's vision and values.
- Meet with the pastor or staff member. Bring questions you have about the church.
- Don't compare a church to previous church experiences. Instead give thanks for the good you see.
- Invite a friend.