

# Mission Ignition



A local church renewal initiative of  
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## TIME TO IGNITE

Mission/Outreach/Evangelism is the work of the Church but many feel overwhelmed at the challenge. Coming out of COVID shutdowns and denominational discord, the time is perfect to refresh the call to reach your community for Jesus. Mission Ignition is a toolbox of outreach workshops available for your church to learn, grow, and reignite a passion for outreach.



## A TOOLBOX OF OUTREACH SEMINARS

As with any job, having the right tools can make all the difference. With years of local church evangelism experience, evangelists Rev. John Zimmerman and Christine Zimmerman have reserved April - July 2023 to come to your church and lead the workshop(s) that fit your church setting. Each workshop is two hours long and perfect for an evening teaching event or put multiple workshops together for an all-day or weekend Mission Ignition event.



## MIX AND MATCH WHAT YOU NEED

Simply open the toolbox, choose your workshop(s), and call to schedule your event. Your commitment is to pray, invite, and expect the Holy Spirit to reignite! Considering local church financial challenges, cost is not an issue. A financial gift/offering of any amount is all that is requested! Open the toolbox and schedule the tools just right for your church.

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# Workshops

(Each workshop is designed to be two hours in length)

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### 1. Evangelism in the 21st Century

The word evangelism may evoke images of hellfire and brimstone preaching, pleas for money on television, or standing on the street corner handing out tracts to strangers. The 21<sup>st</sup> century culture, however, is demanding a change to our style of presenting the Good News of the Gospel. This workshop will explore the theology of evangelism and teach an evangelistic style that values developmental relationship within a suspicious and skeptical society.

### 2. Beyond the “Hello”

Have you ever wanted to take conversations one step further than simply saying hello? What if we truly listened to people and heard their hearts? How could the Lord use this time to open opportunities to share His love? This workshop will give you practical practices in getting to know your neighbor. We will have hands on practice in developing listening skills, asking right questions, and sharing our stories of faith. You will gain a holy boldness in talking to the “neighbor” you may have only waved to in the past.

### 3. Prayer and Fasting Seminar

Prayer with fasting is a topic rarely studied in local churches, yet very evident in the scriptures. Thirty of the sixty-six books references fasting. If something is so important in the Bible, it is also important to the body of Christ today. In this seminar we will research the biblical stories of fasting. We will also discuss the different types of fasts and what it means to deny the body for spiritual gain. You will be amazed at the miracles God will make possible.

### 4. Prayer Walk

Have you ever taken the time to walk around your community to pray for your “neighbors?” We will use Google Maps to design a personalized prayer walk highlighting neighbors, schools, fire departments, police stations, low-income housing, retirement communities, personal care homes, businesses, etc. (close “neighbors” to the location of your church). During the walk, we will stop and pray at each location. We will avail ourselves to opportunities along the way to pray with individuals God places in our path. When we make ourselves available in our communities, God shows up in tangible ways.

### 5. Unpacking the Bubble-Wrapped Church

Mission, outreach, and evangelism are always a risk-taking spiritual adventure. In a culture that idolizes safety, the church is challenged to live out the Gospel with courage and boldness. This workshop will expose our culture of safety and how it has influenced the church. It will also share about the work of the Holy Spirit and encouragement to acknowledge the spiritual adventure and reclaim the authority to boldly proclaim and live the Gospel.

## **6. Harbor of Hope Addiction Recovery Training**

How can the church respond to addiction, one of the greatest ills of our society? As people search for their higher power, Harbor of Hope can be a resource the church can offer. Harbor of Hope is a Bible study that draws out the biblical truths of the twelve steps of recovery. This training will give you the knowledge that you and your church needs to host a Harbor of Hope Bible Study.

## **7. Altar Rail Ministry**

The practice of the altar call is becoming rare among our local churches. This workshop will reintroduce this meaningful invitation and share how to give an altar call. It will also develop an altar rail ministry team of laity to serve as prayer partners with those who respond to the invitation. Participants will be trained on how to pray and minister to those at the altar rail.

## **8. High Impact Lay Ministry Development**

Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Well, The harvest is still plentiful, and the laborers are still few. It has been said that in the church, 20% of the people do 80% of the work. This workshop will teach biblical principles on how to raise up lay leadership for high impact ministry within your church.

## **9. Developing Community in the Live Stream**

As many churches managed to live stream their worship service, we are beginning to ask, "Now what?" With over 20 years of live stream worship experience, John Zimmerman will guide your leadership into insight, understanding, and resources to convert your online "watchers" to online "attenders." You will learn how to take your online presence to a new level of community engagement.

## **10. Extending an Invitation to Receive Jesus**

Living the faith and sharing the Gospel with others naturally proceeds to extending an invitation to a relationship with Jesus Christ. Often, Christians do not feel confident or knowledgeable on how to invite others to Jesus. This workshop will examine the theology of the invitation and teach practical ways to respond to the question, "What must I do to be saved?"

## **Other Opportunities**

The Zimmerman's are available to share evangelistic-themed preaching during the principle worship service(s), traditional revival service events, and/or custom tailor an event for your context of ministry. Simply call to discuss your needs.

## **SAMPLE EVENT SCHEDULES**

### **Weekdays**

Since workshops are designed to be two hours in length, a weekday evening from 6:30pm to 8:30pm fits perfectly for a stand-alone event. Check the calendar below for availability. Also, feel free to call to discuss other possibilities.

### **Saturdays**

Mix and match workshops into any Saturday schedule. For example:

#### **Morning**

One workshop from 9:30am to 12:00noon, and/or

#### **Afternoon**

One workshop from 12:30pm to 2:30pm, and/or

One workshop from 2:30pm to 4:30pm, and/or

#### **Evening**

One workshop or preaching event from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

### **Weekends**

Mix and match workshops into a full weekend event. For example:

#### **Friday**

One workshop or preaching event from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

#### **Saturday**

Follow the sample Saturday schedule above.

#### **Sunday**

Preach in the morning, and/or one workshop from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, and/or one workshop from 3:00pm to 5:00pm

### **Weeklong**

All of the scheduling possibilities above can be formatted into a longer Mission Ignition event

*These are just sample schedules. Anything can be customized for your setting.*

**To check the availability calendar and for more information, visit our website:**

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