

### **Evangelism Week 8 HW Plan and Bridge**

Every church launch should have a bridge. A bridge connects people from the outreach event to opening day of the church. This is an important step in having a successful church launch.

The months leading up to the event allow adopt a block to walk the neighborhoods and get to know the community. This is the time that we can introduce ourselves, love people, and see what the biggest need is in their households and community. As we build trust with the community, find needs, meet them, and show them God's love for them we began to invite them to weekly bible studies and watch parties. During this time we also let them know that we are going to have a big community outreach.

The community outreach will be full of events like, a word from God, music, food, games, clothing giveaways, groceries and much more. This will be a time that the church will get to show everyone God's love and generosity. It will also give us the opportunity to get to know them on a personal level and really make that personal connection. This will also bring out people in the community that we weren't able to connect with during the times we went out and door knocked. During this time of connecting with the neighborhood we will be able to get contact information and invite them to the grand opening of the church. This is the time of the bridge, getting people from the event to the grand opening.

The bridge is one of the most important steps in having a blessed and successful grand opening. During this time from the event to grand opening we should still be in communications with the community. Adopt a block and the follow up team should still be reaching out to the community. We should still be walking the community on a weekly basis to see how we can still meet needs and invite them to the grand opening. The follow up team can send text messages, emails and calling them with information of the grand opening. The church can also mail flyers and send out adopt a block to pass out flyers in different parts of the community, and also through social media post. Above doing all this we just have to love on them and truly show them God's love for them at all times.

The grand opening should be full of love and joy. This is where all the teams come together to welcome everyone to the church. This all begins with the parking team, they should

have smiles, waving and saying hello as they come into the parking lot. Then as they enter to the building they will be greeted by the hospitality team. Which will be there to greet them into the building with smiles, hand shakes, hugs and let them know that we love them and that Jesus loves them. Then we will usher the spirit in the church with the worship team, this will allow all the guest to feel the presence of the Lord, and then give a powerful word from God.