



# 100 New Points — of light —

## Components of a New Point Of Light

### Before you begin:

1. Gather a team who has a passion to reach people who do not have a relationship with Jesus - Jesus had a team.
2. Pray - Jesus prayed
  - a. Together as a team
  - b. Ask your church to pray
3. Determine the who and the where of your mission field - Ask:
  - a. Whom is God asking you to reach?

- MissionInsite: You will find sign-up instructions under the Church Development tab at [www.inumc.org](http://www.inumc.org).

- b. Where will you go to meet and live life alongside those you are going to reach?
    - i. This will require going where they may live or gather. Examples are:
      - a. If you want to reach high school students who do not follow Jesus, they may meet in a place convenient and which is attractive to them
      - b. An older group of people who do not follow Jesus, may hang out in bars or coffee shops
      - c. You can also find people in the surrounding neighborhoods or apartment complex
    - ii. If you are looking to reach unchurched people you won't necessarily find them at your church, but it just might be the place to hold your meeting.
4. What does a "win" or success look like? You must define the desired outcomes.

### Reach New People:

To be a ***New Point of Light***, the following components are necessary:

2. *Reach New People - Connect with people who are not currently attending church:*
  - a. You to Them – Build upon new or existing relationships with people who are not currently attending church.
  - b. Them with others – Invite them and bring them to your group/worship experience.
  - c. Create an atmosphere where they can connect with Jesus Christ.
  - d. Invite them to become a part of your church family, the body of Christ.
3. *Growing Together – Intentional Faith Development*
  - a. Worship Components – not necessarily all, but some of the following:
    - i. Singing
    - ii. Reporting where you have seen God work in your lives
    - iii. Prayer

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- b. Study
  - i. Teach a Book Study
  - ii. Facilitate a Video Series, e.g., watch sermons together
- 4. *Serving Together – Hands on Monthly/Quarterly “Good Deed” Projects*
  - a. Discover the needs of your community/neighborhood and fulfill the need.
    - i. Talk to community leaders
    - ii. Walk the neighborhood and pray to discover what God sees.
    - iii. Windshield survey – Drive around the area and ask God to reveal to you what he sees.
    - iv. Above all, TALK TO THE PEOPLE you are trying to reach. They know what their needs are.
  - b. With an established agency (e.g., food pantry, homeless shelter, nursing home, etc.)
  - c. Create your own (e.g., clean a neighbor’s yard, collect and disperse socks to the homeless, etc.)

### **100 New Points of Light IDEAS/EXAMPLES:**

- 1. Targeted Age:
  - a. Weekday Kids Club
  - b. Sunday morning Children’s Church – invite their parents to the service
  - c. Youth Worship Service (not a youth group)
- 2. Targeted Demographic
  - a. Recovery Service – midweek – e.g., Pfrimmer’s Chapel UMC
  - b. Homeless/Marginalized Service – e.g., Anderson First UMC, Lafayette Trinity UMC
  - c. Singles
  - d. Millennials
- 3. Targeted Location
  - a. Bar/Coffee House
  - b. Retirement Home
  - c. Schools – have students start a worship experience in their school

### **100 New Points of Light Advisor:**

- 1. An Advisor will be assigned to each group committed to implementing a New Point of Light.
- 2. The Advisor will meet with their assigned group to:
  - a. Ask questions to insure the above components are indeed being implemented.
  - b. Sign the New Point of Light voucher so that a check is issued for the new project.
  - c. Give advice when requested.
  - d. Check-in with the New Point of Light to encourage and receive feedback.
  - e. Insure the Success Review is submitted, so we all can learn from one another.