

Ministry Pivot: How to Pivot your connection in this season.

Description : During this conversation Russell St. Bernard and our guests discuss the pivots that must happen as it relates to connecting with our congregation and community. As everything becomes mainly virtual with few physical offerings, what does this mean for new members class, welcoming guests, training leaders and more? This will be a great conversation for you as a leader, and your Church as we pivot.

Conversation Guests:

- Pastor Larry Brey, Ministries Development Pastor at Elevation Church in NC.
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 - o <u>https://www.facebook.com/larry.brey</u>
- Pastor Dr. Bobby Manning, Senior Pastor of <u>First Baptist Church of District Heights in</u> <u>MD.</u>
 - o https://www.instagram.com/drbmanning/
 - o https://www.facebook.com/BobbyManning
- Rev. Candice Wynn, Orange Specialist at Orange Leaders in GA.
 - o https://www.instagram.com/therevcan/
 - o <u>https://www.facebook.com/caustinwynn</u>

Resources/tools:

- <u>Zoom</u>
- <u>Evernote</u>
- <u>Slack</u>
- Google documents
- Facebook groups
- Planning Center Groups
- Eztexting.com
- <u>Call-me-all.com</u>
- Think Orange





Takeaways:

- Pastor Larry spoke about the need for Pastors and Churches to look at their goal again. Everyone needs to take a step; the size of the step isn't determined by the size of the ministry, just take a step.
- Rev. Candice spoke about the need for Churches to be able to reexamine the need or purpose for their Church. As the Church sees their purpose in a more clear way, they will be able to connect with the right people in this season. This also means that Churches will have to equip their people to serve in this context to minister to those around them.
- Pastor Bobby shared that Churches must pull themselves away from what was familiar or commonplace to do what is going to work now. Church isn't just based on Sunday's anymore and there are more opportunities for Churches to reach their community, now more than ever. Pastor Bobby also shared that now Churches can build their systems for discipleship and connection with the end in mind---with the goal or purpose.
- Pastor Larry also shared that we have to work on not just reassigning people but also training them for their new role to win in this season.

Final Takeaways:

- During this season as you move forward to pivot your connection and how you engage with your congregation and community you must be clear on your goal. What is the "why" or the purpose for your Church and how can you use that to connect?
- As we connect with our congregation and leaders being personal is key. If we're going to connect with each person the in same format, that is just communication and not true connection or relationship. Find ways to connect on a person level with those in your congregation and community for a more fruitful and lasting impact.

Discussion Questions: (these questions should be answered with your team if possible)

- How often are you currently connecting with your congregation, as a means of checking in on them during this season? Which team is helping you do this? What is your goal for participation in this season (how much involvement do you expect from your congregation)?
- How are you currently connecting with those in leadership roles at your church? How are they able to serve now that Sunday morning in-person isn't as active?
- What new pathways can you create or have you created in this season to disciple your members and to attract new members?
- What other pivots can you make?

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