

OBSTACLES WHEN LEADING MCs

Common struggles, roadblocks, and obstacles MC leaders face

Common Struggles for New MC Leaders:

1. Their own sin and lack of love for Jesus and people.
2. Learning to facilitate gospel-centered conversations (ie. growing in "gospel fluency").
3. Relational conflict (usually after the "honeymoon" phase of the new MC ends).
4. Trying or expecting to do too much too fast.
5. Trying to accomplish God's work in your own power, rather than by prayer and dependence on the Spirit.
6. Poorly defined mission and/or discouragement over slow progress with mission.
7. Differences in parenting approaches within the group within the MC.
8. Not knowing what to do next, and failing to seek council from your coach/elder.
9. Learning to deal biblically with conflict/confrontation.
10. Failure to share leadership

Common Roadblocks within MC Life:

1. We treasure something more than Jesus (even mission or community).
2. We don't explain the cost, the suffering, the sacrifice or following Jesus.
3. People don't talk about Jesus.
4. People are not aware of spiritual warfare (flesh, world, devil) working against them.
5. Lack of clarity/focus on mission (Who are we trying to reach? How is the Spirit leading us to reach them?)
6. Falling back into "weekly meeting" mindset instead of Christ-centered family.
7. Falling back into "bible study" mindset instead of Christ-centered family.
8. The leaders are the only ones hosting, providing food, carrying the load.
9. Lack of coaching, training, and

Ways to Avoid Burnout:

1. Truly participate in your DNA, don't just lead it. Be known!
2. Know the 4 Gs and apply them to your own heart daily.
3. Prioritize time with the Lord. Listen to him, pray, soak in the word.
4. Regularly meet with your coach/elder.
5. Immediately take frustrations and needs to your coach/elder.
6. Always be looking for "evidences of graces" and celebrate them often.
7. Don't just see yourself as "MC leader" but as apart of the family.
8. Pray often for your MC, trust the Spirit to do the work he has called you to...not your own abilities.
9. Love Jesus more than ministry success.

Indicators: Leading in the Spirit vs. Leading in the Flesh:

1. Joy vs. Duty
2. Gracious vs. Critical
3. Grateful vs. Frustrated
4. Patient vs. Short
5. Confident to speak the truth in love vs. Fearful of others

6. Empowering of others vs. Controlling
7. Teachable vs. Defensive
8. Productive vs. Lazy
9. What can I do to help? vs. Why me, again?
10. Hopeful vs. Hopeless