

Volunteer Spirit

Objective: For participants to place a net around the insights that they have gained from the **Why are we here?** series and to discuss the next steps with Groups Ablaze.

Video Clip: The Patriot

Question #1: What dynamics did you notice in this scene?

Question #2: What were some of the reasons that volunteers were reluctant initially?

Question #3: What made some of the men eventually stand up?

Question #4: How about the pastor? What changed inside of him?

Question #5: What causes people to volunteer in general?

For the last number of weeks we have been studying and learning about why we are here. In particular, we have focused on our need to reach out into our community to enfold those who do not have a personal relationship with Christ. The question before us today is: What is God asking you and me to volunteer for? Will we volunteer to join God's army and His mission?

Brainstorming Activity

Question #1: What stands out to you through this review exercise?

Question #2: When you look at all five modules, what is God asking us to volunteer for?

*The **Why are we here?** series has given you an opportunity to look at why the church exists. Jesus declared that He would build His Church and He has been on that mission for 2,000 years. Our churches and our communities are filled with people who are moving rapidly toward a Christless eternity. We have a responsibility and a mandate to be a part of building His church. The **Why are we here?** series is a part of the Groups Ablaze national initiative. God is using this project to impact scores of churched and unchurched people worldwide. Perhaps God is asking this church to join this exciting opportunity.*

Where to from Here?

10 Great Benefits of Groups Ablaze

1. **Building Friendships:** We will learn creative and enjoyable ways to become more intentional in our friendship building with people who need God.
2. **Spiritual Conversations:** We will learn how to transition everyday conversations into discussions about spiritual things.
3. **Connecting through our Interests:** We will be shown how to use things we already love to do (our hobbies and interests) as connecting points with our friends, neighbors, and family members who need God.
4. **Accountability:** There is on-going accountability to ensure we follow-through on the skills and ideas we learn in each of the learning modules.
5. **Spiritual Growth:** Our own walk with God will be energized.
6. **Stimulus for Your Group:** The group or class that you are a part of will be exposed to fresh and creative learning material that is especially designed for the adult learner.
7. **On-going Training:** Additional learning sessions are available from Groups Ablaze to encourage each of us to implement what we are learning.
8. **Practical Tips:** All of the training material is highly practical and is designed to be used by anyone at anytime!
9. **Peer Coaching:** Two are better than one. With this in mind, every small group leader will meet with another leader about once a month for encouragement and strengthening.
10. **The Harvest:** Ultimately, we want to see new faces in our homes, our groups, and our church!

Launch Map

Month One

Month Two

Month Three

Vision for the Harvest
1

Journey of the Heart
2

Peer Coaching
3

My Story
4

Praying Leader
5

Conversation Bridges
6

Leader Orientation

Peer Coaching Relationships formed

Training Track

Motivation for Mission Survey

What is the greatest learning you have taken away from the Study?

What was the most fun?

What was the greatest benefit to you personally?

What practical changes have you made in your life as a result of this Study?

What ideas do you have for improving this course in the future?

Are you interested in taking the next steps with Groups Ablaze?

Would you prefer another six-week study on outreach themes?

Would you be willing to lead a small group focused on outreach?