

AREA TEAM IN A BOX

Praying for Future Growth and Direction

Total time required: 45 minutes

Objectives:

- Staff will discern God's will for their area's growth.
- Staff will seek the Lord on next steps for their campuses while referencing the Continuum.
- Staff will create a roadmap for growth based upon their next steps.

Time	Activity	Materials Needed
1 min	Praying for Future Growth and Direction	
Total: 1 min	During this time, we are going to ask the Lord for his guidance. We will start by asking the Lord to speak about his will for the area and move on to create a roadmap for the future.	
10 mins	Praying for Future Growth	Any previous work on CC: worksheets, large printed continuum, or continuum projected on a screen.
Total: 11 mins	<p>Prompt: Let's go back to the dreaming exercise from the first session. While looking at the descriptions written for your campuses ask the Lord to speak about the bigger picture of his will for your area (reached and unreached).</p> <p>Write down what you're seeing, hearing, or what comes to mind.</p> <p><i>(Encourage bulleted version for later engagement. Later engagement may look like doing an illustration [painting, drawing], creatively writing [poetry, psalm, etc.], or writing out what they're hearing more extensively).</i></p>	Optional: art supplies
5 mins	Debrief	
Total: 16 mins	<p>Share, in a large group, what was heard.</p> <p>What are the overall themes for the area?</p>	
10 mins	Praying for Direction	
Total: 26 mins	<p>Prompt: How do the overall themes apply to your campus?</p> <p>Think about where your campus is on the continuum. Ask the Lord "What are the specific next steps you want me to take? (Use the description for you campus' Continuum classification as a reference – e.g.: Core Focus, Key Leadership Moves).</p> <p>Also ask him "What will I need to follow the instructions?" <i>(This may be physical resources, accountability, additional faith, etc.)</i></p>	
7 mins	Debrief	
	Share what you heard.	

Total: 33 mins	Discuss what team resources are available to meet the needs and list what is still needed.	
7 mins Total: 40 mins	A Roadmap to the Future Prompt: Based upon your next steps and God's will for the area's ministry, plot out your next steps for the next year*. <i>Do this as a large group discussion. You can use sticky notes and place them on a timeline where everyone can see it.</i> <i>*The length of time is whatever you think is best for your area team. (Eg: semester, 3 months, 5 years, etc. Recommendation: 3-month minimum.)</i>	Post-its and markers
5 mins Total: 45 mins	Pray for the Future Pray for the needs, each other, and the next steps.	