

Alliance Coaching Connection # 1

Connecting Passion with God's Purpose

Session Aim: To build a relationship, gain trust, and start a journey toward ministry leadership.

Before you start: We would encourage you to spend some time reviewing and become familiar with the Alliance Coaching Resources online at www.called2serve.org. Spend some time in prayer, recognizing that it is the Holy Spirit's ministry through you that will bring about life change. Make sure you are in tune with the Spirit's leading and direction.

Relate: Everyone is coming to this session at a different stage of relationship. If you are already relationally close, then this first part will not take too long and will be very natural. If you are not close, spend a lot of time getting to know each other. DO NOT cut this part short. A good relationship is the foundation on which all other coaching will be built, so spend as much time as needed just to get to know each other on a personal level.

Refresh: The basic idea in this section is to discover what God is doing in their life. Ask questions like: Where do you think God is leading? Why do you think that? How is He speaking to you? How has God gifted you? How has God been preparing you for future ministry? Are others recognizing and confirming this in your life?

Reveal: The key to ministry is not what you do but who you are. The biggest investment you can make in their life is to encourage, challenge, and sharpen their character and identity in Christ. We have identified seven key "markers" that can be identified in someone's life who is connected to God's purpose. We suggest that you use the "Are You Connected" sheet to review, evaluate, celebrate and/or challenge the internal character of those who are called and compelled to live their life differently.

Review: Echo back what you heard being said and summarize what God seems to be prompting. Did you have any "ah-ha" moments during our time together? What do you sense you need to do now? What needs to change? What might we be able to celebrate the next time we meet? Decide together on where to go from here, what are the next steps. Pray together and agree on when to connect next.

Are You Connected to God's Purpose?

Intimately Love God – You nurture a deep passion for God through worship, prayer, and spiritual disciplines. Flowing out of a transformed life your love for the Father is the wellspring out of which all ministry flows.



Authentically Love Others – The Love of God flows through your life in sincere and gracious concern for others.



Be Filled with the Holy Spirit – No effective work can be accomplished apart from the controlling work of the Holy Spirit. Whatever you do or wherever you go, it means yielding to His will and work in your life



Pursue Holiness – There is a consistency between your inner life and your public person. You confess your sins and are transformed from the inside out becoming more like Jesus.



Embrace God's Truth - You get first-hand nourishment from the unchanging enduring, and living Word of God. Your worldview is grounded in a proper understanding of scripture.



Live a Missional Life - You actively engage culture allowing Christ to transform lives, change communities, and impact the world bringing Glory to God.



Commit to a body of believers – Serving God requires cooperation and participation in Christ's Church. Fellow believers will recognize and appreciate the talents and gifts of those who are called by God.



So what's next? Am I connected? What adjustments must be made on my journey? How can my community of believers help me in my journey?