



What if every child in every community had someone who could reach, disciple and empower them to be an influential Kingdom Champion?

How can leaders help children become Kingdom Champions?

ONE Making Disciples



At its core 1for50 is all about the ONE: ONE Savior loved by ONE children's leader, guiding ONE child at a time to love and follow Jesus wholeheartedly.

God's Word (Matthew 28:19-20) Jesus also gave his followers ONE mandate: to go and make disciples.

So how are we doing? While much training and ministry to children has taken place in communities around the world, somehow we find that many children are not choosing to follow Jesus wholeheartedly for a lifetime. We have not always made disciples.

The goal is to change our focus to a long-term view of working with children to making disciples, rather than just seed planting or "drop and run" ministry.

TWO Reaching the Unreached



ONE follower of Jesus obeying the great commission and reaching out to ONE other person: now there are TWO. As believers, we're always looking for the ONE who is missing, like in the story of the lost sheep.

God's Word (Matthew 18:14) This is God's heart. At the end of the story we read, "Your Father in heaven is not willing that ONE of these little ones should be lost."

So how are we doing? Unfortunately ⅔ of all the children in the world do not yet know or follow Christ at all. We have not reached them – yet.

The goal is to expand our focus to reaching children outside the church as well as those in our churches already.

THREE Engaging Families



A child plus a mother and a father equals THREE. If a child knows Christ but his family (with many or few members) does not, we need to consider how to reach the family as well. If a family knows Christ, we need to help them reach and disciple their own children.

God's Word (Deuteronomy 6:4-7) God's original plan for growing love and obedience in his people was families. They were to do this as a normal part of their walking and talking.

So how are we doing? Often in ministry to children, we have neglected the family. Since families have the primary spiritual influence on their children, we must consider how to reach whole families, not just the children.

The goal is to help Christian families reach and disciple their own children as well as considering those in their community.



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THE NEXT GENERATION

FOUR Nurturing the Whole Child



This includes a focus on FOUR parts of a child, the whole child: physical, mental, social-emotional, and spiritual.

God's Word (*Luke 2:52*) We see in scripture that Jesus grew in wisdom, in stature, in favor with God and favor with man: FOUR parts.

So how are we doing? Some families are doing well. Some need practical help. Overall, about 2/3 of the world's children are at risk, living in crisis situations of one kind or another.

The goal is to affirm our focus to first nurture the children already in our care. Then, we need to consider how to help those in crisis in our communities.

FIVE Building God's Kingdom Together



These tasks are too great to face alone. The thumb enables all these elements to come together, to become useful for accomplishing God's purposes, to build his Kingdom.

God's Word (*Ephesians 4:11-13, 16; John 13:34*) Jesus said the world would know we are his disciples by our love for one another. Paul explained the importance of working together as a body.

So how are we doing? Among the 40,000 denominations in our world, some are working together well. Some are not.

The goal is to work together with others in the body of Christ to build the Kingdom as we reach and disciple children—not just to build our own churches or ministries. Building the Kingdom also leads us to think about the people that Jesus identified as “greatest in the kingdom”: children! They are needed and invited.

SIX Deepening the Leader's Heart



As the palm of your hand can touch your own heart, reaching and discipling children begins with us. We must be following Jesus wholeheartedly.

God's Word (*John 15:5-7*) Joyfully, this principle comes with a promise relevant to our work with children. Jesus said, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

So how are we doing? One of the reasons so many children are leaving the faith as adults is because their leaders have not been an example of wholehearted devotion and dependence on Christ. It is also a reason why our modern world has little interest in Christ. Some of us are not that interested in him ourselves. Or, we've hoped someone else would disciple our child for us.

The goal is to start with ourselves. Fall in love with Jesus all over again. Fall in love with God's Word. Learn to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. This fuels every other area of our work to reach and disciple children.

SEVEN Partnering with Children



You can take hold of the hand of a child. Each one of these six areas can be embraced by a child as you equip them. They are not simply the object of your ministry, but your partner in it.

God's Word (*1 Timothy 4:12*) Even though they are young, children can set an example to those around them, taking the lead in ministry. Their excellent speech, conduct, love, faith and purity may be one of the greatest ways to impact the world around them.

So how are we doing? Unfortunately many churches view children as the object of their ministry, with little to offer, when it is more strategic to allow them to be our partners in ministry! Children are some of the best at bringing others to Christ. They are that “one” who can help other children know and follow Jesus for a lifetime.

The goal is to empower children to become Kingdom Champions and partners in ministry. As we disciple them, we are not only preparing them for FUTURE ministry as adults, we are equipping them to make an impact NOW.

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