PARTNERSHIP GATHERING GUIDE (online)

Practice Hospitality (10 minutes)
Hospitality is a crucial part of forming community and planting new ministries. Take a few minutes for everyone to introduce themselves and which campus they’re from, then do something fun and simple to get to know each other. Need ideas? Check this out: https://intervarsity.org/online-resources/having-fun

Watch and Debrief Jabin’s Story of Starting Something New Online (10 minutes)
Invite your friends to watch the video with you and ask them to pay attention to what God is stirring in them: https://vimeo.com/439385966

Watch and Debrief the People of Peace Video (10 minutes)
Watch the People of Peace on Campus video, which unpacks the story of the Apostle Paul and his friends planting a church in the town of Philippi: https://vimeo.com/355204359 The video highlights the types of people we look for on campus who could help plant the new ministry. Then debrief the video:

1. What stood out to you from the story of Acts 16?
2. How does the idea of searching for People of Peace (like Lydia and Angel) shape the way we could approach starting new ministries?

Then take a few minutes as a leader to share what God is stirring in you and invite them to partner with you in exploring their networks for People of Peace on new campuses!

Network for Connections at New Campuses (10 minutes)
Work together to list out all the names of anyone you know from other campuses (you could focus on campuses within your city or state, or you could open the doors wide and see how far their connections go!) Think about friends from high school, church connections, transfer students, etc.

Consider two options for creating a communal network map online:

Miro: more visual, but a bit more complicated to use. Visit miro.com, click “sign up” and then “mind map”. For more instructions watch this.

Google Sheets: less visual, but easier to use. Use this template, then create a copy and begin creating your network map.

Once you’ve created your network map highlight the 3 marks of a person of peace from the video (1. Being open to God and to you, 2. Having a network of relationships, and 3. Being receptive and action oriented) Do any of the people you’ve listed seem to match this description?
**Pray for Revival** (10 minutes)
Take some time to pray for the people you’ve identified on your communal network map. Ask God to fill each of you with love for the campuses you’ve listed! Ask God to lead you to the people of peace that he’s already prepared in advance!

**Invite these Contacts to a Kickoff Event** (10 minutes)
Take a few minutes together to invite all of your friends from new campuses that you identified on your network map to a kickoff event. This will be a space for them to encounter God and hear vision about launching ministries at new campuses.

Decide on the day and time that will work for you and your partners and then send out invitations. Your invitation could look like this:

"Hey, ____! Some friends and I are hosting an online gathering for students from different schools across _____ to talk about what it looks like to follow Jesus right now and see if people might feel called to launch new ministries on their campuses. I thought about you and wanted to see if you’d want to come. I’d love for you to join us! "

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