

MISSIONAL ENGAGEMENT - STUDY GUIDE

SESSION FOUR - BRAINSTORMING TOGETHER

INTRODUCTION

Today's session is a brainstorming session*. You will be brainstorming together as a group to discern what the needs are in your community and who is already addressing which needs.

We are not coming to any kind of conclusion today so you can relax. We just want to see and get a feel for what is happening in your community and what is on each of your hearts.

VIDEO: SESSION FOUR

NOTES

***Detailed instructions for the brainstorming exercise are on the next page.**

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BRAINSTORMING STEPS

Step #1: Brainstorm Needs

- Write down the top five needs that come to your mind when you think of your community. Use one sticky note for each need. **Time: 3 minutes**
- When the 3 minutes are up, each person, one at a time, places their sticky notes under the “Needs” column and quickly explains each need to the group. If one of your needs is already mentioned, simply post it next to one that is like it.

Step #2: Group Needs

- The facilitator will group the needs and order them into the top five needs of your community based on how often they are mentioned.
- Agree together as a group on these five needs.

Step #3: Brainstorm WHO

- Write down the names of non-profits, churches, or government programs WHO are already taking care of any of the top five needs in your community. Write down as many as you know for each need. Use one sticky note for each WHO. **Time: 5 minutes**
- When the 5 minutes are up, each person, one at a time, places their sticky notes under the “WHO” column and quickly explains each “WHO” to the group. If one of your needs is already mentioned, simply post it next to one that is like it.

Step #4: Brainstorm Impact

- Imagine that you have to make a decision for your group to serve one of the five needs identified in a very specific way. Which need would you choose and where would you want to have an impact as a group? Imagine it is totally up to you and you need to make a decision right now for the whole group and you cannot ask anyone for advice from anyone and you can only do one thing. What need would you want the whole group to serve and how would you want the group to serve? Be as detailed as you can. What would you do? **Time: 6 minutes**
- When the 6 minutes are up, each person, one at a time, places their sticky note under the “Impact” column and quickly explains their decision and how the group could have an impact.