Start, Sustain, Soar: An asset based approach
Agenda

• Prayer Walk Debrief
• Bible Study
• What is ABCD?
• Assessing our gifts
• Next step planning
Welcome Back!!!!!!

Please take a moment to write (silently), reflecting on the following questions:

• How did it feel, in your body, to do this exercise?

• What was affirming?

• What was difficult and/or challenging?

• Is there anything new you learned about yourself?

• What do you think God is up to in the neighborhood?
Pair Share

• Person B speaks (2 minutes)

• Person A listens

• Then switch!

• If your partner is done talking before time is up, the person who is listen can only say, “Tell me more.”
Now the wife of a member of the company of prophets cried out to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord, but a creditor has come to take my two children as slaves.”
Elisha said to her, “What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?” She answered, “Your servant has nothing in the house, except a jar of oil.”

He said, “Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels, and not just a few. Then go in, and shut the door behind you and your children, and start pouring into all these vessels; when each is full, set it aside.”
So she left him and shut the door behind her and her children; they kept bringing vessels to her, and she kept pouring. When the vessels were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another vessel.”

But he said to her, “There are no more.” Then the oil stopped flowing. She came and told the man of God, and he said, “Go sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your children can live on the rest.”
FAMA Method

**Facts:** Walk through the story noticing what happened (try to focus only on the what the text is saying)

**Association:** What and/or how do you relate this story to your personal experience? Are there particular characters that remind you of yourself or someone in your life?

**Meaning:** What are the larger themes from this passage? Highlight any new learnings or AHAs!

**Action:** How are you called to be based on what you read? What are you inspired to do?
WHAT’S ABCD?
Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) is a strategy for sustainable community driven development. ABCD builds on the assets that are already found in the community and mobilizes individuals, associations, and institutions to come together to build on their assets.

https://resources.depaul.edu/abcd-institute/resources/Pages/tool-kit.aspx
In this video on: Making the Shift to Community Development, Wendy McCaig shares how Embrace Richmond shifted to community building.
Pair Share

• Pick a ministry (a project or program that happens in your church or community) that is important to you

• Person A goes first, Person B listen, then switch – 1 minute each

• Listen for the Good News

• If your partner is done talking before time is up, the person who is listen can only say, “Tell me more.”
Good News

• Caring for your neighbor
• Feeding People
• Caring for children
• Listening Deeply
• Showing up when the bad thing happened
• Opening the doors of the church
• Caring for a stranger

• Walking around the neighborhood
• Sharing time with someone you love
• Sharing time with someone you can’t stand

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Which one are you?

1/2 Full?

1/2 Empty?
Eeyore and Tigger

• Person A Tigger

• Person B Eeyore

• Eeyore is sad that he didn’t get cake for his birthday, Tigger is trying to cheer him up!
Two Tales of a City

- Poverty
- Food deserts
- Crime

- Hospital
- After school programs
- Families that love each other
Describe your ministry context

• Form groups of 3

• One person talks about their ministry context

• The other two are listening for the gifts

• Write down all the gifts you hear.
KNOW THE NEIGHBORHOOD
Listen for the Call

- Prayer Walks – What’s God up to out there?
- 1:1 Conversations.- listening deeply and sharing
- FAMA Bible Study – Facts, Association, Meaning and Action
- Appreciative Inquiry
APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY
1. Definition
“What is the focus of inquiry?”
(Affirmative topic of choice)
Clarifying

2. Discovery
“What gives life?”
(The best of what is)
Appreciating

3. Dream
“What might be?”
(What the world is calling for)
Envisioning

4. Design
“What should be?”
(The ideal)
Co-constructing

5. Destiny/Delivery
“What will be?”
(How to empower, learn, and adjust/improvise)
Innovating
Appreciative Inquiry

❖ Definition: What is the focus of your inquiry?
❖ Discovery: What gives life?
❖ Dream: What might be?
❖ Design: What should be?
❖ Destiny/Delivery: What will be?
Take Aways

• What did we do?
  • Prayer walk debrief
  • FAMA
  • ABCD
  • Eeyore/Tigger
  • 5 P’s
  • Appreciative Inquiry
• What will you do?
  • Take a few minutes to think about all that you have experienced so far, what is one thing that you can do in the next three months based on our conversation this morning?