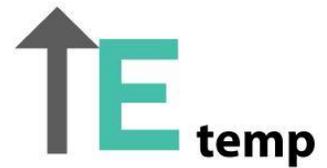


Building Evangelistic Culture in your Journey Group

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What is group culture?

- Consider the perspective of a new person attending your group.
- When Tim visited Duke's group (Brandon and Rachel)
 - Artifacts
 - Values
 - Shared Experiences
 - Group Identity

At your table: When someone new visits your group, what cultural artifacts are they going to notice? Remove your halo, think hard...

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(Mack Styles – Evangelism: How the whole church speaks of Jesus, pg 46)

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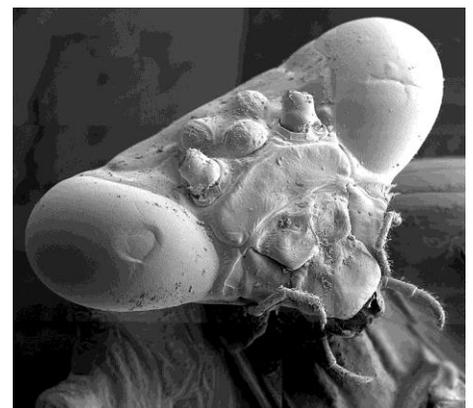
- Have someone with decent hand-writing pick up the sheet with TOP JG VALUES at the top
- Discuss the most important values every JG culture should seek to embrace.
- Write out your top five (in order of importance) in succinct bullets.
- Lightening round...

There's a bug in the system!

"Culture is the result of a complex group of learning process that is only partially influenced by a leader's behavior. If the group is threatened because elements of its culture have become maladapted, it is ultimately the function of leadership to recognize and do something about this situation. It is in this sense that leadership and culture are conceptually intertwined."

(Edgar Schein – Organizational Culture and Leadership)

Shout out a few examples of unwanted culture you've seen in groups (or you fear might make its way into *your* Journey Group). Think in terms of unwanted values, bad habits, unwelcomed shared experiences, etc. (white-board these bad boys)



How can you get rid of unwanted cultural DNA creeping into your group? (whole group processing)

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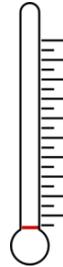
Definition: Culture has to do with shared ideas, a shared language, and a shared understanding of how to act. Culture is often invisible, especially to those who are in it. Similarly, a “culture of evangelism” in churches or fellowships has common biblical ideas, a biblical language, and shared biblical actions. This culture, too, is often invisible to those in it.”

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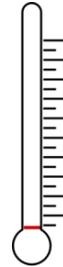
- 1) **Assessment:** Measuring E-temp by asking three simple questions about yourself and your group:



Are we motivated?



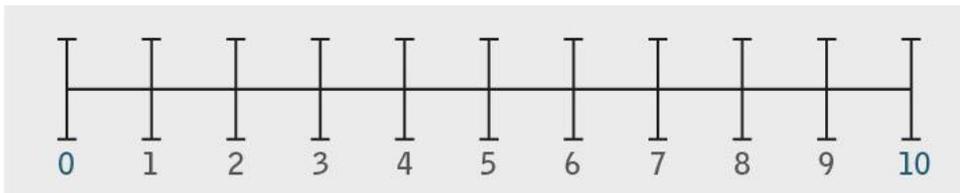
Are we equipped?



Are we available?

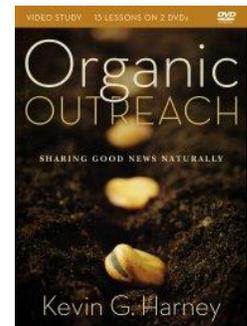
- 2) **The One Degree Rule** (Organic Outreach chapter 4)

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On a scale of 1-10 what would I say my personal evangelism temperature reading is?

- What can I do to raise my outreach temperature just one degree?
- How can I adjust my schedule next week to make more time to connect with people who are far from God? How can I adjust my prayer life?
- How can I grow my relationship with 2-3 people God has placed in my life who are spiritually disconnected?
- Consider getting Organic Outreach and start reading it!



- 3) **The Two Degree Rule** (Organic Outreach For Churches – chapter 8)

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Pushing the needle of the church compass two degrees off dead north (caring for ourselves) to direct some of our resources, time, care, energy and love toward those who are still far from God.

- Including non-Christian friends in the prayer-life of your Journey Group
- What would it take to welcome them if they came?
- Choosing to do a service project, but include invitations to those outside the group.
- Take a look at CCC ministries and ask – could we invite our non-Christian friends to participate in ministries that would meet their needs?

