
Finding A Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

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1. **Leviticus 25:35.** “If one of your countrymen becomes poor and is unable to support himself among you, help him as you would an alien or a temporary resident, so he can continue to live among you.
2. **Deuteronomy 15:11.** “ There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land.”
3. **Isaiah 58:10.** “And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness. “
4. **Proverbs 11:25.** “A generous man will prosper, he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.”
5. **Proverbs 19:17.** “He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done.”

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- 1. Matthew 25:44-45.** “They will also answer, “Lord when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you? He will reply, “I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.”
- 2. Luke 6:38.** “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured to you.”
- 3. Acts 20:35** “In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

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Ephesians 2:10. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

The Vine Summer 2024

FinD

Families in Distress
Families in Discipleship

How do we bridge from distress to discipleship?



Building a Bridge of Relationship

The Participants:
Liberty Students
Liberty Administration
Liberty Counselors
Vine [FinD](#) Ministry Team
Vine Congregation
Liberty Student Families
Vine Partners
Elder Board

FinD

- ❖ The overall goal is to invest in helping identified families in distress and improve their lives by material and spiritual intervention.
- ❖ The ministry of **FinD** would be a Vine initiative.
- ❖ The Ministry team would consist of one or more Elders and Vine volunteers.

FinD Mechanics

- ❖ Ministry Team
- ❖ Funding
- ❖ Liberty Engagement
 - ❖ Administration
 - ❖ Counselors
- ❖ **FinD** family identification
 - ❖ Initial Student Contact
 - ❖ Identify Families
- ❖ Relationship Building
 - ❖ Material Needs
 - ❖ Spiritual Needs

Ministry Team Building

- ❖ One Elder will lead the team.
- ❖ Combination of male and female team members from Vine. May include one Vine teenage student.
- ❖ Ministry members must be dedicated to serve during October/ November initial screening process and monitor relationship building.
- ❖ Bi-monthly meetings throughout the year.
 - ❖ First meeting of new school year would be the second week of September.
- ❖ Team would meet often during the short gift card dispersal window period.

Funding

- ❖ Funding: funding would come from three sources.
 - ❖ Vine participants (Annual fund raising period)/ September
 - ❖ Goal \$10,000
 - ❖ Year round designated gifts would be welcome.
 - ❖ Vine grants (budgeted amount) or Trellis Management.
 - ❖ \$10,000 is committed this year.
 - ❖ Outside sources.

Liberty Engagement

- ❖ Agreement with Administration as to the Gift Card program and [FinD](#) has been approved.
- ❖ Counselors and or staff will determine who qualifies for Gift Cards with agreement of the [FinD](#) team.
- ❖ Dispersal period (mid October thru November).
- ❖ Mechanics of dispersal;
 - ❖ Meet with student after contact with family. Meeting would include an informal information gathering to initially evaluate if their family could qualify for [FinD](#).

FinD Family Identification

- ❖ Team would determine through evaluation of student's input during dispersal period as to consideration of a family into **FinD** relationship building.
- ❖ Initial contact with student's family would also be the open door to begin developing a potential candidate family into **FinD**.

Relationship Building

- ❖ Ministry team identifies potential families for **FinD** relationship development.
- ❖ Team arranges to meet family for dinner at Vine expense.
- ❖ Team selects families with the families consent into **FinD**.
- ❖ A Vine family or group of individuals are assigned to build a relationship with accepted families.
- ❖ That family or group of individuals assigned to that student and family would then evaluate and report needs of the family to the **FinD** ministry as early as possible and at each bi-monthly meeting. (May be a one time financial transaction upfront.) Relationship building would still continue.
- ❖ The host family or group would have contact through various means, phone, text message, e-mail and meetings at public places.

Relationship Building Continued

- ❖ Those needs could be:
 - ❖ Financial support and or counseling:
 - ❖ Financial: monies toward bills, clothing needs, food, gift cards etc...
 - ❖ Emotional (CCC)
 - ❖ Spiritual (Vine Elder)
 - ❖ Other connection opportunities:
 - ❖ Youth group inclusion for student and or siblings
 - ❖ Special Vine dinners invite (Ex. Seder)
 - ❖ Seed Group Invite
 - ❖ Elder discipleship of family member/s. (**Caution: never one on one**)

FinD Ministry Evaluation

- ❖ End of each calendar school year **FinD** Ministry leader would report all activity of **FinD** families to the Elder board. (June)
- ❖ Success would be based on the effectiveness of the ministry's efforts to bridge families out of distress and if possible into discipleship leading to a relationship with Christ.
- ❖ Elder board in June would determine continuation of the program, any funding support for next school year and or changes to improve effectiveness.

Next Step

- ❖ Approval of Elder Board to move forward. **Done**
- ❖ Meeting with Lead Ministry Elder and appropriate school staff. **Done**
- ❖ Promotion to Vine for team ministry volunteers etc... **Today**
- ❖ Team development of **FinD** ministry guidelines. **Aug-Sept**
- ❖ Final Elder board approval of guidelines. **Sept**
- ❖ September/ October promotion and launch. **Sept-Oct**
- ❖ Identify families or groups interested in “bridging” through a relationship. **Oct-Nov**
- ❖ Training for the family interaction volunteers. **Oct thru Dec**
- ❖ Assign Vine members to families. **Dec 2024**

How Can You Fit In.

- ❖ Pray about this as individuals and as family units.
- ❖ Decide if you want to be on the Ministry team, relationship builder, support person for various projects and events and or how much if any you feel led to contribute financially.
- ❖ There will be a sign up sheet next week at the back of the church and or picnic table at the park when we meet there.
- ❖ Unfortunately time is of the essence with the team development.

Conclusion

- ❖ We are clearly called to give of our time, treasures and talents.
- ❖ We all have special gifts that can contribute in many ways to this effort.
 - ❖ *If you are lead to do so.*
- ❖ This is a defining moment for Vine as we launch **FinD**.
- ❖ **I Cor 13:1-3.**
- ❖ **Love**

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- ❖ We need Good Samaritans
- ❖ Questions