



THE 5 THINGS: EQUIPPING YOU FOR MISSIONAL LIVING AFTER COLLEGE

AS THE SAYING GOES: THERE'S NO 'I' IN TEAM

*“Alone
in a New
City”*



After graduating from the University of Iowa and moving to Minneapolis – a new city and state – I felt lost and alone at times. I knew a couple of people, but was living by myself in a one bedroom apartment in a suburb, and would hang out with the few people I knew maybe once or twice a month. I was so excited when I got invited to be a part of Every Student Sent Minneapolis. It helped my transition a ton having the ESS involvement to meet new people and hear experiences of others in the workplace. Reaching the workplace for Christ is not easy, and having a team to discuss things and encourage one another was essential for me during the transition from college into the marketplace.

~ U of Iowa 2008 Graduate

It is known that a well functioning team is more powerful and productive than a single person. Ever try moving into a new apartment or dorm by yourself? A team of friends helping you make the move is a hundred times easier. A great running back has a team of offensive linemen that blocks for him. School and work frequently use teams to complete projects. A team provides encouragement and support as it focuses on achieving a goal.

The Bible is full of teams – the Israelites in battle. Paul and his men on missionary journeys. And of course, Jesus picked a team of 12 disciples to lead -- that they would in turn lead teams of others.

Discuss a time when you were part of a Team with a specific goal. What components of the Team were helpful in achieving the goal?

Let's look at a passage in the Bible about the importance of strength in numbers:

Read: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

- Describe the state and feelings of a man all alone.
- What does the passage mention as benefits of having others around you?
- How might these things help you in your transition to the marketplace?

Read: “Alone in a New City”

- What are some similar challenges you may encounter in workplace ministry?
- How could a Team be helpful in those challenges?

Last week we discussed having a Kingdom Vision. How would a Team be vital for executing your personal or corporate Kingdom Vision?

God did not mean for life to be lived alone. Having a Team to encourage you, support you, be strong in your weakness and hold you accountable is vital --- especially when life gets tough!

Action Steps:

Have you looked for a team in the area you will be living and working after graduation?

Compile a list of contacts where you'll be living and working that you could partner with.

If you are living in the Upper Midwest Region, you can email ESSUpperMidwest@gmail.com to get connected to a team where you will be living!

Next week we will discuss the importance of having a “Plan”

