



# PROSPER THE CITY

## WEEK 1 – WHO

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### ABOUT WEEK 1

In Week 1 of Prosper the City, before your team plans your project, you'll start by discovering WHO you are. Using a creative exercise called *Asset Mapping*, your team will approach the project from the perspective of what's possible instead of what's needed. At the end of your time together you'll close by examining WHAT opportunities to serve you can find.

#### REGULAR ITEMS NEEDED:

- Laptop to play video

#### SPECIAL ITEMS NEEDED:

- Easel pad and markers
- Colored Post-It Notes
- Markers

#### CHECKLIST BEFORE YOUR TEAM ARRIVES:

- Pray for the meeting
- Print Discussion Guide
- Read Discussion Guide
- Clean meeting room
- Clean bathroom
- Bibles available
- Coffee ready
- Front door cracked

### OPENING (1 MIN)

*Say:* Hello! Look around you, because this is our *Prosper the City* team! We'll meet for the next three weeks to plan a service project to make an immediate impact in the community on the fourth week. We've got a lot to get to, but we're going to start with a video to help orient us to today's agenda.

### BACKSTORY VIDEO (3 MIN)

Go to [www.ProsperTheCity.com](http://www.ProsperTheCity.com) and find the Week 1 Video.

### 3 QUESTIONS (7-10 MIN)

*Say:* So with that in mind, let's read today's account and then we'll ask three simple follow-up questions.

*Captain, read **Mark 6:34-44** aloud for the team.*

*After the reading, say:* So let's get started brainstorming on the whiteboard here—

*Divide the sheet into thirds (three horizontal sections) and write: PEOPLE, JESUS, and PROJECT at the top of each section, respectively.*

#### **WHAT DOES THIS ACCOUNT TELL US ABOUT PEOPLE? (OURSELVES OR OTHERS)**

*Write their answers in the appropriate section on the easel pad.*

#### **WHAT DOES THIS ACCOUNT TELL US ABOUT JESUS?**

*Write their answers in the appropriate section on the easel pad.*

#### **WHAT DOES THIS ACCOUNT TELL US ABOUT OUR PROJECT?**

*Write their answers in the appropriate section on the easel pad.*

### OPENING PRAYER (1 MIN)

*Say:* Thanks for taking the time to do that together! Before we begin, will you pray with me?

*Pray a brief prayer, asking God to bless, guide, and be present in your time together.*

## ASSET MAPPING: GROUPS (5-7 MIN)

Say: Much like our story today, let's see what we bring to the team. To do so, we're going to do something called "Asset Mapping". Asset Mapping is basically listing your assets, or things of value, that you... have. This is seeing WHO we are as a group by looking at our GROUPS, ABILITIES, and PASSIONS.

Give everyone a marker and stacks of three distinctly colored Post-It notes.

**ON A [NAME A COLOR] POST-IT NOTES, TAKE 60 SECONDS TO WRITE DOWN (IN BIG LETTERS!) AS MANY GROUPS (NETWORKS, ORGANIZATIONS) YOU CAN THINK OF THAT YOUR ARE A PART OF.**

Say, "Go!" Your energy level gives them a cue on how to respond!

While they're writing, write the category title ("GROUPS") on a Post-It note in big letters and stick it on a wall near each group.

**OKAY, LET'S TAKE 1 MINUTE AND SHARE YOUR ANSWERS WITH EVERYONE ELSE. AFTER YOU DO, STICK THEM TO THE WALL IN A WORD CLOUD STYLE AROUND THE "GROUPS" NOTE ABOVE YOU.**

## ASSET MAPPING: ABILITIES (5-7 MIN)

Repeat the exercise for ABILITIES on a different color Post-It Note.

## ASSET MAPPING: PASSIONS (5-7 MIN)

Repeat the exercise for PASSIONS on a different color Post-It Note.

Captains, don't forget to take pictures of your teammates here and upload them on [www.ProspersTheCity.com](http://www.ProspersTheCity.com)!

## CONSOLIDATING ASSETS (3 MIN)

Once you're done with the three Post-It Notes, say: If you'll notice, we're now thinking from a vantage point of possibility, not from a place of scarcity or need. The community isn't something negative thing to fix, it's an opportunity to serve!

**CAN WE SEE ANY KIND OF PATTERN BETWEEN OUR GROUPS/ABILITIES/PASSIONS?**

Based on your team's reaction, cluster any similar Post-It notes together.

## BRAINSTORMING THE WHAT (10 MIN)

Say: So that's WHO we are, to close we're going to look at WHAT needs we see. Partner up with someone. One of you volunteer to be a scribe. The scribe will write on an a Post-It note, one idea per Post-It note.

You're going to take a few minutes and talk through WHAT needs you see in the community. Not the WHERE, but the WHAT. So for instance, don't say "Miss Andersons house needs repair", write two notes, one for "home projects" and one for the "the elderly".

Start the timer for 5 minutes and say, "Go!" As groups are talking, roam the room and make sure the ideas stay high-level and concise. After the exercise is over, say:

**OKAY, FOR THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES, EACH GROUP WILL TAKE TURNS TO TELL US WHAT THEY CAME UP WITH AND PLACE THEIR POST-IT NOTES ON THE WALL.**

Take roughly 5 minutes to share ideas, "cluster" similar ideas or groups together. Keep it moving!

**CAN SOMEONE TAKE A PICTURE SO WE HAVE IT AS A REFERENCE FOR NEXT WEEK?**

Say: We're gonna' take a week to let these ideas marinade. Don't worry, next week we'll walk away with a definitive project, today was about thinking through the possibilities!

## CLOSING PRAYER (1 MIN)

Say: Will you pray with me?

Close the meeting with prayer.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you haven't done so, you can get your Prosper the City shirt to wear for \$15 at Pathfinder Church so you can wear it at our service project: 15800 Manchester Rd. | Ellisville, MO | 63011