



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 and find the Week 1 Video. Share the screen with your participants. Zoom users, make sure to select "**Share Computer Sound**" and "**Optimize screen share for video clip**" before selecting your 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. I'll write your answers on a sheet of paper.

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.

WHAT DOES THIS ACCOUNT TELL US ABOUT JESUS?

Write their answers in the appropriate section.

WHAT DOES THIS ACCOUNT TELL US ABOUT OUR PROJECT?

Write their answers in the appropriate section.

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 use something called "Asset Mapping". I emailed you the Asset Mapping Worksheet, (you can also find it on the Resource Page at www.ProspersTheCity.com).

As you know, you listed 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.

Is there anyone who would like to start with what they wrote down?

Captains, don't forget to take a screen shot of your meeting today and upload it on www.ProspersTheCity.com!

Have each team member share their Asset Mapping Worksheet.

After everyone has had a turn, 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 for us to use our gifts and serve!

LET'S GET CREATIVE, BASED ON WHAT WE JUST HEARD, ARE THERE ANY KIND OF PATTERNS OR CREATIVE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE GROUPS, ABILITIES, AND PASSIONS WE ALL JUST SHARED?

Captain, as the group starts sharing, write down their comments on a piece of paper.

After they share, read back to them what they came up with.

BRAINSTORMING THE WHAT (10 MIN)

Say: So that's WHO we are, to close we're going to look at WHAT needs we see. Once again, I'll be a scribe.

Let's 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".

Take roughly 5 minutes for groups to share WHAT needs they see.

Say: I'll keep this sheet as our starting place for next week. We're gonna' take a week to let these ideas marinate. 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 our service project at Pathfinder Church: 15800 Manchester Rd. | Ellisville, MO | 63011