

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 brainstorm opportunities to serve using your team's identified assets.

REGULAR ITEMS NEEDED:

- Laptop to play video

SPECIAL ITEMS NEEDED:

- Easel pad
- 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
- Refreshments 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 on the fourth week that makes an immediate impact in our community. 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.

3 QUESTIONS (7-10 MIN)

Say: With that backstory in mind, let's read today's account and then ask some follow-up questions.

Captain, read **Luke 21:1-4** aloud for the team.

After the reading, say: Okay, let's do some 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.

ASSET MAPPING: GROUPS (5-7 MIN)

Say: With the lessons from today's reading in mind, let's get into our planning! To do so, we're going to see WHO we are as a team by doing something called "Asset Mapping". Asset Mapping is basically listing

the assets, or things of value, each one of us brings to the team. We'll break our assets down into three parts: GROUPS, ABILITIES, and PASSIONS.

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

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

Say, "Go!" Remembers, 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 or easel near each group.

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

ASSET MAPPING: ABILITIES (5-7 MIN)

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

Captains, don't forget to take pictures of your team during today's meeting and upload them to www.ProspersTheCity.com!

ASSET MAPPING: PASSIONS (5-7 MIN)

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

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 use what we have and 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 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 a new color of Post-It note, one idea per 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. For instance, don't say "Miss Andersons house needs repair", write two notes, one for "home projects" and one for "the elderly". Start by thinking of ideas close to where you live!

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. Don't let them get in the weeds. 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/EASEL/TABLE.

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!

Host, save the WHAT Post-It notes for next week's meeting!

CLOSING PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS (1 MIN)

Say: Will you pray with me?

Close the meeting with prayer.

If there are any announcements, you may give them here.