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# **OUTREACH DISCOVERY PROGRAM**

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**MINISTRIES**



# The Need

- We talk/teach about the Great Commission
- But there is significant lack of active evangelism in many congregations
- Significant lack of awareness of modern outreach methods
- Significant lack of practical training in outreach techniques
  
- Most Christians and churches are not reaching their evangelistic potential
  
- i.e THE CHURCH (in general) IS NOT DOING ITS JOB!



# The Need

- More congregations need to get into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with regards to evangelism!
- ODP is designed to help fill these needs
- ODP is specifically designed by Outreach Ministries for churches of Christ
- Outreach Ministries is a term used to describe evangelism work by members of Peninsula Church of Christ – Frankston ([www.peninsulachurch.org.au](http://www.peninsulachurch.org.au)). Activities may be local or in collaboration with other Christians or congregations.



# Who Is ODP For ?

- It is for congregations who:
  - ✓ Have a genuine desire to become more active in evangelism
  - ✓ Are not sure how to go about it (or want a fresh approach)
  - ✓ Want a holistic program that engages each individual and eventually the whole church
  - ✓ Want to aim for a long term Outreach Ministry capability in the congregation
  - ✓ Want members to use their individual talents rather than being manipulated into 'one size fits all' methods





# What Is ODP ?

- A program of activities and training to develop an active Outreach Ministry in a congregation





# What Is ODP ?

- ODP is a journey consisting of 3 logical stages
- **1. Outreach Discovery:** Aim is to develop interest and awareness in the congregation (workshops and classes – unique content).
- **2. Outreach Explorer:** Aim is to equip members, and for initial outreach planning to occur (training and planning sessions).
- **3. Outreach Safari:** Aim is to get the congregation started with active evangelism work (i.e. outreach in action, leading to long term Outreach Ministry).



# What Is ODP ?

- No need to commit to whole program in one hit.
- An **Outreach Discovery workshop** can be used to create awareness and assess interest.
- Subsequent decision as to readiness of congregation to proceed further.



# Status of ODP

- ODP is currently under development (incremental approach)
  - Presently being deployed by a Melbourne congregation in collaboration with Outreach Ministries
1. Outreach Discovery Workshop (available for Australian church context. Further tailoring possible—depending on wider interest)
  2. Outreach Discovery – Intro Class Kit (tailored as required)
  3. Outreach Explorer–Starter Training Kit (available)
  4. Outreach Explorer–Evangelism Ministry Team – Training Workshop (near complete – available Q3 2011)
  5. Outreach Explorer/Safari– IMPACT Training Kit (under development for Q4 2011)
  6. Outreach Safari–Sustainment Training Kit (to be developed 2012)





# Status of ODP

- Outreach Ministries is open to expressions of interest from:
  - Churches of Christ who wish to consider a trial of ODP
  - Individuals who may wish to collaborate in the development and deployment of ODP among churches of Christ
- Enquiries
- Outreach Ministries
- See contact page at [www.peninsulachurch.org.au](http://www.peninsulachurch.org.au)