

Luke 5:18-20 *"Some men arrived carrying a paraplegic on a stretcher. They were looking for a way to get into the house and set him before Jesus. When they couldn't find a way in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof, removed some tiles, and let him down in the middle of everyone, right in front of Jesus. Impressed by their bold belief, he said, 'Friend, I forgive your sins.'"*

Community – CommUNITY

Matt. 18:19 *"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven."*

**1. Community = caring about people who don't know Jesus**

The reason churches don't grow is because they become consumed with themselves

Are you aware or do you care?

Your church's small groups should pray for three things:

Aware says "I know" Care says "I will"

**2. Community = believing God can reach the person**

They believed so that they did what it took to get him there.

I will do whatever it takes to provide an atmosphere of success.

**3. Community = making a plan**

Faith and prayer are essential, but you need to do something!!!

Our plan is local, national, and global

**4. Community = not letting the crowd stop you**

They looked for another way

**5. Community = change (do something different)**

Me – No change We – changing constantly

**6. Community = takes everybody!!!!**

3 people couldn't carry the stretcher...it took all four.

Get on board with the WE vision

**7. Community = Cost**

These four men wouldn't have made a hole in the roof unless they were willing to fix it.

They had to pay the cost of bringing their friend to Jesus.

How is Brand New Church going to do this?

**Locally**

**Community Groups** – formally known as Home Teams

Philemon 2 "to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier and to the church that meets in your home"

In addition to being biblical, there are four benefits of using homes:

- They are infinitely expandable (homes are everywhere).
- They are unlimited geographically (you can minister to a wider area).
- It is good stewardship; releasing more money for ministry (you use buildings that other people pay for).
- It facilitates closer relationships (people are more relaxed in a home setting).

New people will not join an established group that is why you need to be a host

If you don't want to go to a group, be a group

Begin September 6<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks of the month

### **Nationally**

#### **Campus Development and iCampus**

God is continuing to send people our way desperate for the vision of BNC.

Our iCampus is reaching a national audience in just 4 weeks.

#### **Video**

We need your help with outreach events and correspondence

### **Internationally**

#### **Bangladesh Mission/BNCGO/iCampus**

Young girls story

#### **Pic of girls**

Global Outreach

#### **On Screen**

Financial investment

Don't drop your side of the stretcher....