

Introduction Passport

You are about to embark on one of the most exciting journeys of your life – a mission trip. When taking a trip, it's easy to focus on what to pack and even who you are going to serve. But it's just as important to prepare for the emotional, spiritual and team aspects of the trip.

Going on a mission trip is extraordinary! You have decided to give up your time, do hard things, make sacrifices, and serve others. You have decided to step outside of your comfort zone. Here's what you need to know: God will honor your commitment by working in you and through you on the trip.

On your trip you can expect difficulty and obstacles, but you can also expect blessings. God is looking for people just like you who are willing to give of themselves for His Kingdom. But you cannot step out for God unprepared.

The purpose of Passport is to prepare you to maximize your mission trip experience. Passport helps you understand who you are, how you connect and contribute to God's plan for the world, what role your team plays, and how God invites you to be a part of the team accomplishing His mission.

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Mission Includes Me

Session 1



Know Thyself

1. God has designed you _____.

Psalm 139:13

Jeremiah 29:11

Romans 11:29

2 Timothy 1:7

2. God has a plan for you that _____.

3. There are _____ to knowing God's plan for you.

Burden Survey

DIRECTIONS: If you are like most people, you've probably learned that a few things break your heart. This survey will help you identify your God-given burdens.

What brings tears to your eyes?

What makes you say, "I wish someone would do something about that?"

If you had a lot of money, how would you use it to help others?

What things are wrong, unjust or unfair in this world that ought to be made right?

What news stories make you really upset because someone is hurting or in need?

If you waved a magic wand, how would you make this world a better place?



What experiences in your life has God comforted you that you could comfort others?

In the spaces below summarize what you think may be your burdens.
I think my top 3 burdens may be ...

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Sacrifice – It's Not All About Me

1. The _____ of a mission.
2. _____ Sacrifice.
3. The _____ of _____ for others.

What Sacrifices Can I Make?



Mission is About the Kingdom

Session 2

The Kingdom Is God's Bigger Picture

_____ you do for Christ _____ in the _____.

Goal Setting

A goal is:

_____ to reaching your _____.

What you would _____ to _____ happen.

My Goals for This Trip

Adding Value to the Host Partner / An Attitude of Service and Learning

1. Relationship with _____ others.

Whom can I serve?

What can I learn?

2. Clarifying expectations helps my attitude.

The _____ of what you _____
you will face.

Disappointment = _____ expectations.

Mission is About the Team

Session 3

Developing Unity

1. Sharing a mission creates _____.

Team Mission Statement:

Step 1: Start with brainstorming.

Step 2: Make a list of the most important parts.

Step 3: Write it out in a short, memorable way.

2. Unity breeds _____ and _____.

A team that does not trust _____ will never
experience _____.

3. Community is God's _____ for Christians.

The Team Building Process

Every member has the ability to affect the _____ or
_____ of the whole team.

1. Growth as a _____ is continuous.

Always _____ to be _____.

Build on _____.

2. Each _____ affects this process.

Everyone has to be _____.

3. The Goal: A _____ Performance _____.

The key to high performance is _____.

Great _____ care enough to say
the _____.



The Importance of Team

In the waning days of World War II, Allied air campaigns over Germany increased. With more planes in the air, the danger for the pilots increased. Many Allied airmen were shot down and captured. These prisoners of war were often transferred to special prison camps designed just for them. The prisoners faced difficult situations and dangerous environments. Understandably many of them tried to escape.

To prevent the possibility of a prison break, the Nazi regime designed an escape-proof prison camp known as Stalag Luft III. The Germans built the prison building on stilts to reduce the possibility of the airmen digging through the floor. They placed the building far from the fences so a tunnel would need to be over three hundred feet long. The prison guards placed microphones in the ground to detect the sound of digging. They even strategically built the camp in an area known to have bright yellow sand just a few feet under the top soil. The sand would make it difficult to dispose of waste material from the digging operation, and would cause the tunnel to be unstable and in danger of collapsing.

The Allied soldiers were not intimidated by the obstacles they faced. Over 600 prisoners worked together to attempt an escape. The escape plan called for the digging of three tunnels; if one were discovered, the other two might provide escape. They organized themselves into committees and each worked on the parts of the plan they were best at. The men had to dig 30 feet down to evade the microphones. They devised a system in their tunnels to remove the sand. Some of them created false travel documents for after the escape. The Allied airmen also innovated ways to overcome problems as they proceeded with their plan. They created a wiring system that tapped into the camp's electricity to provide light in the tunnels. They developed a ventilation system that allowed them to pump fresh air into the tunnels.

Throughout the digging process that lasted for more than three months, the team was in constant danger. The guards were continuously looking for evidence of an escape plan. The punishment for attempted escape was death. If only one prisoner was compromised, the entire mission would be a failure. In fact, Germans discovered two of the three tunnels before they could be used. Finally on the night of March 24, 1944, the tunnel was completed and the escape began. Seventy-six men made it to freedom that night before the escape was discovered. Many of these men were later caught and either shot or reincarcerated. Only three made it to freedom. Six hundred men worked together for the small chance of just a few of them making their escape. They worked together as a team and each was willing to do whatever it took to see the team succeed. These men are a great example of teamwork at its finest.

Essentials of Communication and Conflict Resolution.

_____ and _____ are necessary for every team.

1. Communication must be:

- a. **Clear** - descriptive and understandable
- b. **Concise** - meaningful and to the point
- c. **Compassionate** - speak the truth with emotion and purpose
- d. **Complete** - give all the needed information

2. Essentials of Conflict Resolution

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____



Mission Never Ends

Session 4

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What to Expect When You Return

You will have a _____ experience.

1. Share with _____.

Remember: They weren't there
Inspire others to do the same

2. Prepare for _____ battles.

Be on your guard
Be ready or you will fall

"Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." Ephesians 6:11

3. Find _____.

Keeps you strong
Utilizes the strengths of your team

4. Continue the _____.

Always live on a mission
Serve in your church

Enjoy the Mission

Living your life _____ to God's _____.

1. The mission starts now.

2. The mission will change your life.

3. The mission will be fun.



Live Without a Finish Line

The best thing we can do with our _____ is to do what God _____ us to do.

1. The _____ never ends.

There is always more that God can use us to do.

2. Find ways to stay _____.

3. Don't _____.

Living without a finish line requires sacrifice and hard work, but it is worth it.

