

LINKING IN EXERCISE

Aim - to explore how a church can build links between community ministries and gathered worship.

Explanation - think colours

think yellow - Events and activities for those who would not call themselves Christ followers. Aim is to contact, serve, community build through developing real, authentic relationships.

think blue - Events and activities for those wanting to explore how spirituality fits in their lives. Aim is to connect the Jesus story in us, in others, in Bible through real, authentic conversations.

think green - Events and activities for those comfortable with Christian life and culture. Aims include worship, encouragement, leadership development

Example -linking with kids

think yellow - mainly music, kids clubs, outdoor carnivals, parenting course,

think blue - Halloween alternatives, Bible storytelling, DIY Advent crafts, thank parents breakfast, short courses on parenting or faith exploration, baptism explanation classes

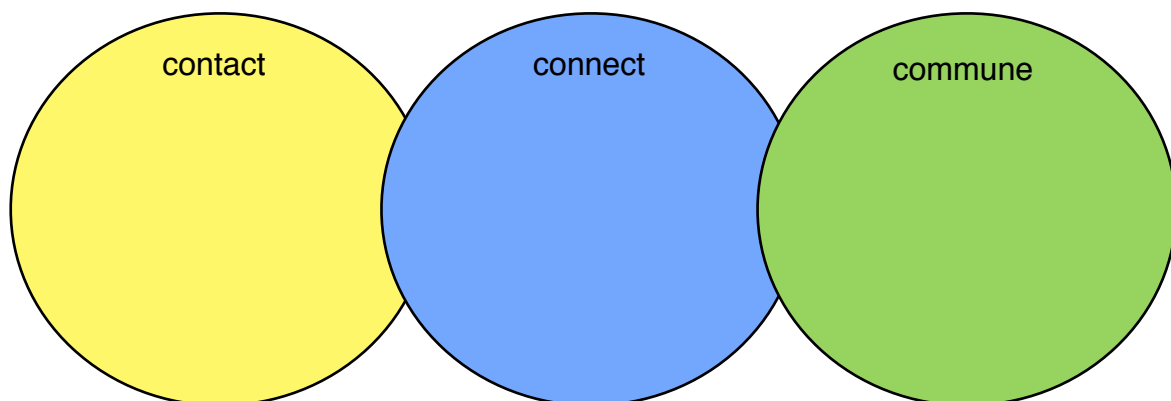
think green - special services, all-age/messy church.

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Identify the group you are "listening to".

Now list all the events your church runs.

Place them in the most appropriate circle. (Some will fit in more than one but please place it in one.)



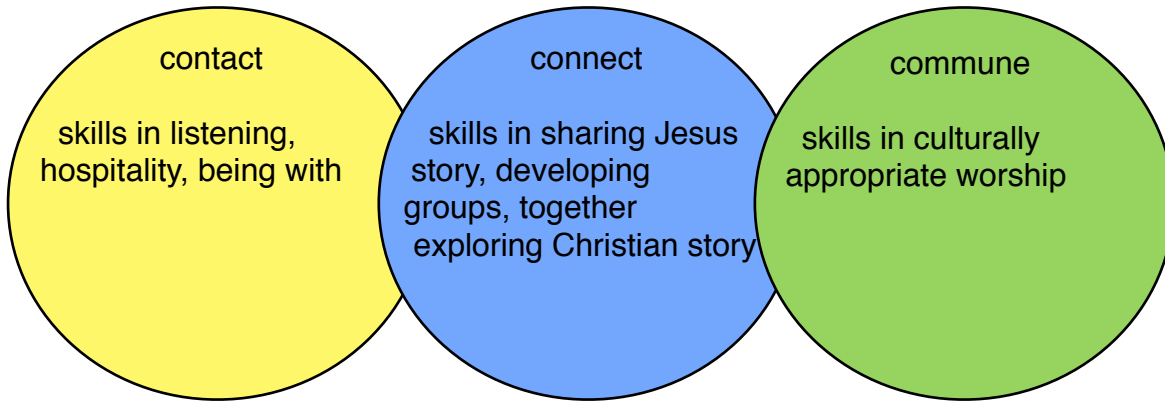
Reflect on the group you are listening to. Underline the activities and events for them. Are there "missing" links in terms of your group?

Reflect on the Moses story and "what is in your hand." (Exodus 4:2) What do you have to give?

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Reflect on the overall distribution. Does one zone receive more energy than others? Sometimes churches tell me they are already giving too much. In that case, is there something that might need to go, perhaps a circle/colour that on reflection, might be over-resourced?



Reflect on how much time do you put into each area. Is the spread even and consistent, or might it need to be adjusted?

Reflect on what skills your volunteers might need for each circle? How might you go about providing them? (Promotional moment - might a Faith stories DVD, or a Uniting College VET topic in Engaging in Culturally appropriate mission help?)