

INTRO

Thank you for considering bringing the #CrucialRelationships campaign to your campus. This article is designed to help you think through what training your students need to do it well. We will cover 3 topics for you to keep in mind:

1. How to help the Proxe station bear fruit in your ministry
2. What discipleship issues to anticipate
3. How to think about your evangelism training

BEARING FRUIT IN YOUR MINISTRY

There have been some important improvements in how we do Proxe campaigns in the past few years. First, please remember that Proxe stations do not run themselves. Many staff introduce students to the Proxe script, and wonder why we don't get in better conversations at the Proxe station. We have found that it is far more fruitful to assign a Proxe coach who is in charge of quality control at the Proxe. [Please see the video here to learn more.](#)

Also, we have found that it a common mistake to spend all the training and energy to bring the Proxe to campus, only to run out of steam for follow-up. Honestly, follow-up is at least as important as the Proxe campaign itself. Please see our article on [11 things about great follow-up](#) and [How Follow-Up Changed My Life](#). Please do not make follow-up an afterthought.

Lastly, please make sure your students actually share the gospel. Some campuses have the habit of skipping the 4th panel, the gospel summary. Please help your students actually do the 4th panel well.

SUPPLIES

Please make sure to purchase or borrow these supplies to get your station ready for campus:

- 3, 30"x40" pieces of foam core
- Duck Tape or Velcro to secure the banners to the foam core
- [Small hot pink post-it notes](#)
- [Hot pink sticker dots](#)
- Easels or table-top easels to display boards on campus or a tent (in which case you will also need black fabric, fishing line, and Velcro, see instructions for putting together the tent version on the Bucket List page)

DISCIPLESHIP

There are a few key discipleship issues that arise directly from #CrucialRelationships. One is about doing prayer ministry at the Proxe and listening to the leading of the Holy Spirit. In the #CrucialRelationships Proxe, there is space in the script to offer prayer for healing for the hurt from specific relationships. Instruct students to invite the Holy Spirit to come and be present and begin to bring healing. Also, please use the Healing Prayer model a help to train students how to pray for someone for healing. We will focus on that below under training.

Please also help students understand the Mark 2 paralytic passage and the main point. Jesus recognized that the most crucial relationship for the paralyzed man was his relationship with God. The question in the script about that is key to transitioning to the Gospel.

Have students practice the 2 invitations to respond after they share the Gospel, the first one is the invitation to follow Jesus and the second one is the invitation to join the community. Make sure they are comfortable giving both asks.

You may also want to use a discipleship cycle with your students while coaching the Proxe Station. Here is an example of a D-Cycle that has been created to coach the Proxe experience well:

HEAR THE WORD

Mark 2:1-12, The Paralytic, Main Point: Jesus views our relationship with him to be the most important thing. What risks are you willing to take with your friends to introduce them to Jesus? Take a minute and ask Jesus to reveal in your own life where he wants to go deeper with you, and invite you to take risks this week with your friends.

RESPOND ACTIVELY

Participate in the proxe station this week. Be open to Jesus teaching you something, not just going through the motions. Talk to someone that you wouldn't normally. Share with others about how God is working in your life as well.

DEBRIEF & INTERPRET

How did the proxe station go for you? Did you get to talk to people you didn't expect? How did you experience Jesus in your interactions? What did he show you about himself? Yourself? Others? What did you learn about how God and the gospel fit into every day topics like our relationships?

TRAINING

Make sure your students are comfortable sharing the Big Story Gospel outline. Go over it together, ask them to practice it with one another, and consider even giving them an assignment (i.e. to practice it 4 times before they help with the Proxe). Remember, the more they do it, the more comfortable they become.

The script is designed to allow space to do prayer ministry at the Proxe station. Openly inviting the Holy Spirit to be present in their conversations is a risk for students. Please help your students understand and embrace their ability to intercede for people and the power that the Holy Spirit has in speaking to the hearts of those that they are praying for. The prayer can be short, praying only specifically for the relationship that need healing and the pain or hurt that has been caused. Pray for that one thing. If the Holy Spirit is leading you, you may pray for other things, but this is not meant to be a lengthy, all-inclusive prayer session. The training on prayer ministry below may be helpful for your students. Although they need not feel like they need to use all of it every time, and that's ok. Encourage them

to be constantly asking the Holy Spirit to lead them with the right words to say, to convict the other person they are sharing with, and to challenge the person appropriately to follow Jesus.

Take time in your training to practice intercessory prayer. Have students pray for each other and practice listening to the Holy Spirit. Sometimes the Holy Spirit speaks to people through images and pictures, through specific words, or even just feelings. Encourage your students to be open to experiencing all of these things.

A BIBLICAL HEALING MODEL

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- Jesus used a model
- The key: Pray for effect. Expect results.

Step One: Interview

- Find out where it hurts. (Inside or outside). This is not a medical interview.
- You are finished when you can answer the question: "Where does it hurt?"

Step Two: Diagnosis

- Ask God what the problem is.
- Many times people do not ask for prayer for the real problem. Many times they don't know the real problem.
- Many physical illnesses are emotionally/spiritually induced.
- Listen to God as well as the person. Expect the Lord to speak.
- You are finished when you can answer: "What is the real problem to pray for?"
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Step Three: Prayer Selection

- Determine what sort of prayer is required.
- There are many types of prayer:
 - The prayer of command, prayer for emotional healing, deliverance, intercession, mud in the eyes...
- You are finished when you can answer: "How am I going to pray?"

Step Four: Prayer Engagement

- Invite the Holy Spirit
- Prayer with your eyes open.
 - People manifest the presence of God.
 - People manifest the presence of evil.
 - People manifest their own emotions.
- Don't over-pray.
 - Jesus' prayers were an average of five words long.
- Placement of hands. (Err on the side of caution).
- Stop. Ask how the person is doing. If nothing is happening, ask the Lord for new direction.
- Stop praying when:
 - The person indicates that they are done receiving.
 - You have nothing more to pray, and the Lord is not ministering.
- This step answers the question: "How are you doing?"

Step Five: Post-Prayer Direction

- Say what God has told you to say.
- Ask the person if he or she is in a small group. If not, invite them to an appropriate small group or GIG.
- This is not an advice time.
- Love the person.
- The step answers the question: "Where do we go from here?"