

### School of Transformation Moving in the Apostolic Pioneering



#### Apostolic Assessment

### Entrepreneurial Self-Assessment

http://www.bdc.ca/EN/articlestools/entrepreneur-toolkit/businessassessments/Pages/self-assessment-testyour-entrepreneurial-potential.aspx?page=1

This will give you some areas of "pioneering" development to consider





### Pioneering Purpose

- · Sent to fuel the current/ future emphasis from heaven
- Hebrews 11:8-10 "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God
- Pioneers go in search of new territory because they do not want to settle for what they have.
- They do not abandon the current emphasis but build on it.
- Pioneers often challenge the foundations of traditional thinking
- God uses everything we have done on the journey
- They can wrongly assume that the established leaders have been wrong/ are currently wrong



### Pioneering 2.New Normals

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- Pioneers establish what will be normal in the future
- Greater need for peer mentors
- They often do not have role models or examples to follow
- Their ideals become the lifestyles and standards for the future.
- Their spiritual momentum determines how far the next generation of settlers will move.
- They believe that in the end what they are doing is going to make a difference.
- They are motivated by a long term unselfishness that future generations reap.



# Pioneering 3. Vision

- · Pioneers are visionaries
- They are people with prophetic foresight that enlarge the vision of their followers.
- They possess hope that helps them create the future that they want.
- They have the ability to turn the times of crisis into times of opportunities.
- They are strong people that keep pressing on towards the goal by stirring up the inner strength (God) inside of them.
- From the Spirit, not from own might Zech 4:6
  "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts."



### Pioneering 4.Calling

- A confirmed calling from the Lord
- It will involve spiritual revelation, rather than human knowledge.
- It should be confirmed by spiritual others
- · Heb 11:1 "things not seen"
- Heb 11:3 "not made of things which are visible"
- · Heb 11:7 Noah "not yet seen"

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# Pioneering 5.Faith

- From a place of faith
- Heb 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
- It is a "hope" (an impregnation of a divine intention – Ps 37:4,5), a dream is born out of hearing God speak to theirr hearts.
- A future of faith is a future that ventures into the previously unknown. It is not an extension of the status quo. It is not a repeat of former achievements. It is not a duplicate of what we have seen others do
- Perseverance Pioneers often take unproductive paths. It is not uncommon to try to do something several different ways before the desired result is found. Not all of their friends will make the new journey with them.



# Pioneering 6.Security

It will often involve leaving security behind

- It is new territory. (Isaiah 43:18,19)
- Joshua 1:2 "Moses, my servant is dead. Therefore arise and go over the Jordan"
- The 'Moses' era was awesome (miracles constantly) but now it was time to let it go and venture into territory that to them was completely unknown.
- Heb 11:8 Abraham went out: "Not knowing where he was going"
- Out from the familiar into the unknown.
- The status quo may be comfortably familiar but that is not where the fruit is.

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# Pioneering 7. Opposition

- Involves opposition that can lift us into a greater level of personal authority and taking dominion.
- That's why God allows that opposition. The key to that victory is knowing the truth concerning your new commission and in whose authority you therefore stand.
- Keep in mind God's twin objectives:
  - a. The possessing of new territory the extension of His Kingdom
  - b. The preparation of us for eternity forging of the heart of an overcomer, the development of rulership and dominion within our spirit. 1Pet 4:12, James 1:2-7, 12



#### Pioneering 8.Fruitfulness

- It will involve greater fruitfulness and be more impacting than anything we have done before
- John 15:2 "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit."
- Speaks directly to those who have already been fruitful (successful for the Kingdom) - it talks of pruning, but above all states the clear objective: "that we bear more fruit".
- You have born much fruit, but now more fruit.
  Parable of Talents (Matthew 25:14)

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### Pioneering 9.Creative

- It will involve giving God room to express His supernatural, creative nature.
- God is a Creator and He is supernatural, and He yearns to express that. Whatever we do must give Him room to do that which will bring about the awe and wonder of people at what He has done.
- Acts 1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you"
  - "power" ('dunamis') miraculous power/ strength/ ability, "beyond the natural",
  - Supernatural wisdom, ability, understanding, energy, provision, living



### Pioneering 10.Generalists

- · Pioneers are not specialists but generalists
- As a pioneer there are often no support systems to pull on.
- A spiritual pioneer will find himself many times in varied and different circumstances in trying to help people follow Jesus.
- They can't send people to the organisation's expert. They are often it
- Everyone has a unique calling and position. It's important to find that. But God wants everyone to have the basics.
- · So constantly increase your skills.

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# Pioneering **11**.Kingdom

- It will be for the Kingdom
- We will be blessed in the process, but the passion, the goal, the all-consuming objective is that God's Kingdom (His rule & dominion) be established up on the earth in the lives of men & women.
- God is only obligated to empower that which He has commissioned and that which will extend His Kingdom.
- Your motivation is critical! What are you building? And for whom are you building it?
- If what you have is a commission from God, then it must be imparted to another generation. And imparted in such a way as to empower them to increase its impact for the Kingdom.
- Are you building a business or building a ministry for the Kingdom? Because if you are, you should be building it to outlast yourself.



### Pioneering 12. His pleasure

- It will be for His pleasure.
- Philippians 2:12-13 "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."
- This is how we do it! This is attitudes, conversations, purity, motivations, lifestyle, integrity.
- This is accurately representing the King as His ambassadors.