

Sow seeds. Spread the Gospel. Win

STRATEGIS FOR GAPN'



Matthew 28:16-20

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. (Executive orders)

What if the city sees HOJ as a place where they can get instructions similar to the mountain where Jesus told them to go?

MATTHEW 9:35-38

And Jesus went throughout **all the cities and villages**, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had **compassion** for them, because **they were harassed and helpless**, **like sheep** without a shepherd.

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Are we ready to be surrounded by every disease and every affliction?

Message to future fruit





1 Corinthians 3:6-9

- 6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.
- 7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.
- 8 The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor.
 - 9 For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

ARE YOU BETTER AT GARDENING OR HARVESTING?

- 1. A gardener plants seeds.
- 2. A gardener nurtures.
- 3. A gardener works year-round.
- 4. A gardener regularly waters.
- 5. A gardener weeds, and prunes.
- 6. A gardener aims to cultivate strong, healthy plants for future growth and harvest.
- 7. A harvester gathers as much as possible.
- 8. A harvester gathers ripe fruits and vegetables when they are ready.
- 9. A harvester collects during the harvest season.

Rate yourself. Are you better at Gardening or Harvesting?

- 1. EG shares the gospel to introduce people to Jesus.
- 2. EG supports and guides people as they grow in faith.
- 5. EG shares faith consistently, no matter the season.
- 4. EG encourages others with prayer and scripture.
- 5. EG helps remove doubts and clears up confusion.
- 6. EH helps people accept Christ when they are ready.
- 7. EH invites people to follow Jesus when the time is right.
- 8. EH brings as many people as possible to Christ.

Luke 14 (NIV)

1 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

Skipping to verse 13

13 But when you give a **banquet**, invite **the poor**, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed. Although **they cannot repay you**, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

15 A man comments that: those who will eat in the kingdom of God are blessed.

Luke 14 (NIV)

Verses 16–17: Jesus replies with a parable: A man **prepared** a great banquet and invited many guests. When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited that everything was now prepared.

The Pharisees and experts in the law had strong beliefs about something called the Messianic feast—a great banquet that would happen at the arrival of God's kingdom. They often debated who should be invited and who was worthy to attend.

Their ideas came from the Old Testament scriptures, which described a future celebration where God would bless His people. As Jesus told His parable about a banquet here in **Luke 14:15-24**.

So when hearing this parable the Pharisees likely had these scriptures in mind. They believed that only the righteous—especially those who followed the law carefully—would be part of this great feast. But Jesus challenged their ideas, suggesting that God's invitation was open to unexpected people, even those the Pharisees might exclude.

"On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain, he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples...He will swallow up death forever."

Isaiah 25:6-8

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!"

Isaiah 55:1-2

Psalm 23:5

A Table in the Presence of Enemies

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies."

Luke 14:18–20 (NIV)

18–20: However, those invited began to make excuses.

One had bought a field and needed to go see it, another had bought oxen and needed to try them out, and another had just gotten married and couldn't attend.

EXCUSES

Don't let the field make a fool out of you. Your oxen (meal) can wait, don't miss God.

Don't let your spouse make you miss God's house.

Luke 14 (NIV)

Verses 21–23: The servant returned and reported these excuses. The master of the house became angry and told the servant to

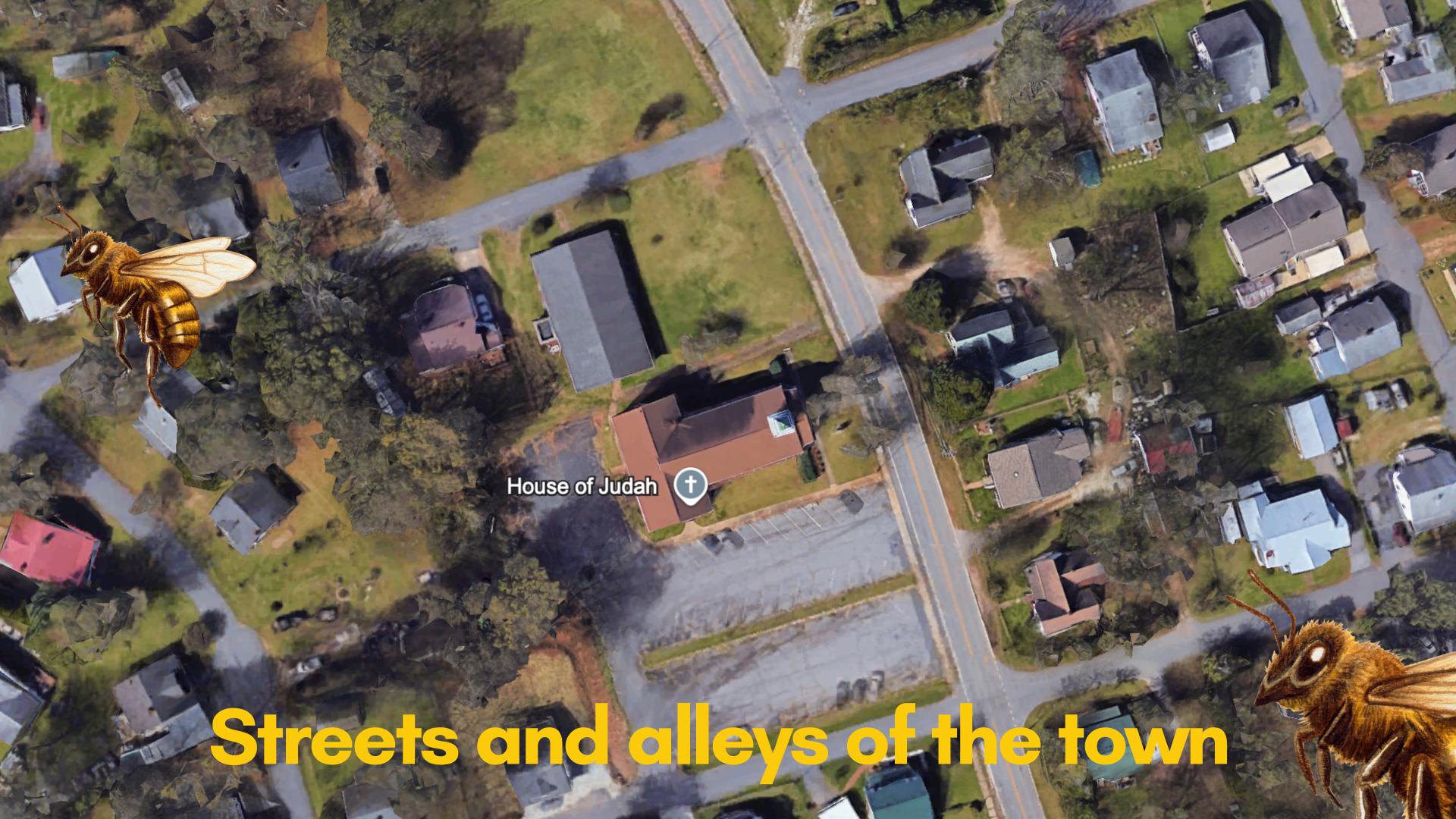
go into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, crippled, blind, and lame.

When there was still room, the servant was told to

go out into the roads and country lanes to compel more people to come so that my house will be full.

Verse 24: Jesus concludes, "I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet."

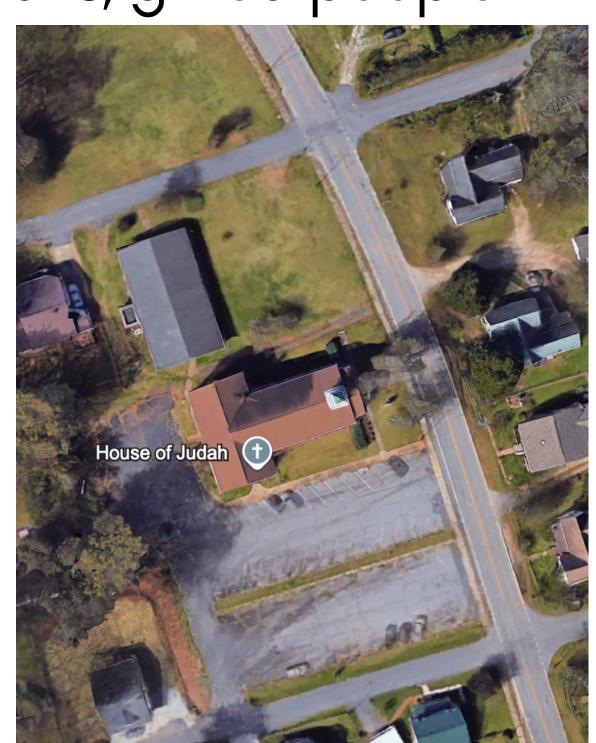




Assets

Field, basketball goal, parking lot, classrooms, beautiful sanctuary, air conditioning, inviting traditional front porch stairs, gifted people

- Bible & Basketball Nights Pickup games + short gospel message.
- Pop-Up Drive-In Events Family movies or worship nights with a Gospel moment.
- Community Field Days Fun games, free food, and faith–sharing.
- Outdoor Worship Nights Music, testimonies, and prayer.
- Partner with organizations like AAA. STEM Workshops, Scouts, grief support.
- Youth Hangout Space Safe, fun environment with Bible Q&A.
- Community Café/Prayer Space "Jesus & Java" with open discussions.
- Support Groups Grief recovery and family support with Biblical guidance.
- Creative Arts Workshops Music, writing, and art tied to faith.
- Porch Talks Casual, open-air Bible studies.
- Entrepreneurs, Business & Bible Hub.



I'm retired

- Community service projects
- Mentor at schools
- Bus or transportation ministry
- Oversee non-emergency transport ministry



I like to fish

- Community fishing event at the lake
- Hooks and hope giveaway
- Fishermen Bible study



I don't have kids

- Supplies for teachers giveaway
- Playground Pop-up with snacks



I have a career

- Start a faith and fitness group when you go to the gym
- Fund the college pantry



I'm young

- Free grass cuts
- Free car washes
- Helping elderly clean yards
- Video games and Bible study
- Host the scoop for peers, ice cream and devo
- Manage social media
- Contribute to a YouTube channel on faith and fear



Attracting & serving the cripple, lame, blind

- "Gas on Us" day at a local station or giveaway prepaid gas cards
- GBB Grocery Blessing Bags
- School Supplies Drive
- Laundry Love
- Diaper & Wipes Giveaway
- Eggs Giveaway
- Community baby shower



l just wanna pray

- Oversee the 888-We Care line
- 10am-12pm call in or zoom
- Prayer in the park or walk and pray Fridays
- Promote on social and community
- Grief care packages with prayer



l just want to serve

- "Care Package" Ministry
- Target the need and prepare and match the package
- Follow up ability is needed



l just love sports

- Organize something around every NBA, NFL, MLB or Clemson game
- Games & Gospel
- Find the soccer, football, baseball, basketball, tennis tribes

What can we do to serve the POOR in spirit?

- Blessing bags every Wednesday
- Coffee with Care nights
- Soup for the Soul
- Art therapy
- Bible Bingo



Event based

- Ministry format 6–9 months. Heavy events with GAPn' in mind.
- Maintenance plan after the inflow from the GAPn' events.
- Set up easy communication for follow up and messaging.
- Build team to manage the volume of people.
- Inspire college student, fam and friends to serve not be members.
- Murphy's law is a thing so mis en place and systems are needed for when life happens.
- Be consistent. Automate when possible but stay visible.

