

PROSPER THE CITY

WEEK 2 - WHAT

ABOUT WEEK 2

In Week 2 of *Prosper the City*, depending on whether you're going to REPEAT or start NEW, your path will look a little different. Eventually, you'll get to the HOW planning, where each team member will take a role to make the project happen. This week has a lot of activity, so watch the clock on the conversation parts so you are sure to get your mission accomplished!

ITEMS NEEDED

- Easel Pad or White Board
- Colored Post-It Notes- at least three distinct colors
- Markers (be sure to use the proper kind for the surface you're writing on!)
- Colored Sticker-Dots
- Regular sheets of paper
- Pens/Markers for the group to use
- Ball of Yarn

CHECKLIST BEFORE YOUR TEAM ARRIVES

- Pray for the meeting
- Print this discussion guide
- Have refreshments ready and the environment set
- Put of some music to create energy for the first arriver

OPENING (1 MIN)

Say: Last week we made an important decision to either REPEAT or START NEW. Today we've got some work to do to get to HOW we will accomplish our project. But before we do, let's start with an activity.

ICEBREAKER (10 MIN) - WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU & SCARIEST MOMENT

Say: Let's get to know each other better. To start off, I have a ball of yarn. I will start, share my name, then I'll take an end of the yarn and toss the rest of the ball to someone else in the room (whose name I know). As I do I'll say "[NAME] one thing I like about you is _____!" Then that person will hold on to a piece of the yarn, toss the ball to someone else, and do the same. We'll go until everyone is holding on to a part of the yarn-web, which means everyone has had their turn. Then we'll move into phase 2 of our activity.

(complete the above—once completed go on to the second part)

Say: **Now we have quite a web here, we're going to unwind the web through going a layer deeper still, we'll start at the end and work our way back to me, but now, when you've got the ball of yarn, you'll wind up the excess as you tell us your *life's scariest moment* (or one you at least feel comfortable sharing)! By the time we get to the end, we'll all have shared, and the yarn should be back on the ball. Let's go!**

SCRIPTURE & QUESTIONS (10 MIN)

Say: **Let's see what wisdom the Bible can give us as we move our project forward this week. We're going to be in Luke 5:12-32 but we'll take it in sections.**

Have someone read the following sections, pause, and let the group summarize the point of each section before moving on.

- Luke 5:12-16
- Luke 5:17-26
- Luke 5:27-32

After the final section. Ask these questions:

- 1) **In each encounter, Jesus attended to a person in need. Compare and contrast the people in need. How are they alike? How are they different?**
- 2) **Jesus never seems to approach two people in the same exact way. What do you notice about the way Jesus responds to the various people in need?**
- 3) **What does this tell us about GOD?**
- 4) **How does this guide us as we think about OUR PROJECT?**

PRAYER (1 MIN)

Say: **Keep that wisdom in mind as we move forward today. But first, can we pray for God's guidance?**

Pray a brief prayer, asking God to bless, guide, and be present in your time together.

**** HERE'S YOUR FORK IN THE ROAD. IF YOU'RE REPEATING YOUR PROJECT FROM LAST YEAR, JUMP AHEAD TO THE "BRAINSTORMING WHEN" SECTION. IF YOU'RE STARTING NEW KEEP GOING.**

VOTING ON WHAT (5 MIN)

Read through last week's WHAT ideas to refresh the team's memory and then ask:

Are there any new ideas or revisions you'd like to add?

Record any revisions, then say:

Somewhere on here is the start of our service project! We'll get to details and logistics later, but right now, we need to land on an idea.

Hand each participant three colored-sticker dots and say: **Now we get to vote! The team isn't voting on the most important need. Or the highest need. We're voting on a need you believe we can meet at the end of this month with a one-time service project using our assets. Remember, we're not creating or voting on a program, this is a one-time project.**

Place a sticker on three ideas you think this team is best equipped to address. Green is your top vote, yellow is your second vote; red is your third place.

Captain, after everyone has voted, tally the votes. Green dots get 3 points, yellow dots get 2 points, red dots get 1 point. Ranking projects prevents someone from strong arming the group with their pet project. After the votes have been tallied and added up, announce the winning WHAT of your project.

BRAINSTORMING WHERE (7 MINS) *RETURNING PROJECTS JUMP BACK IN HERE*****

Say: **Now that we've decided WHAT we're doing, let's brainstorm WHERE we could do it. For instance, instead of saying, "youth" you'd say, "Jackson Park Elementary School". Get specific!**

Everyone call out where we could do this "WHAT". I'll write each answer on a new color of POST-IT note and place them on the wall.

Captain, write each idea on a separate Post-It note, one idea per note, and place them on the wall.

VOTING ON WHERE (3 MINS)

After ideas have been suggested, hand participants two colored-sticker dots. Say: **Time to vote again. Place a sticker on where you think this team is best-equipped to serve at the end of the month with a one-time serve project. Green is your top vote; yellow is your second-place vote.**

Captain, after everyone has voted, tally the votes. Green dots get 3 points; yellow gets 2 points.

When you announce the winning WHERE of your project, stay peppy and enthusiastic- people will match your demeanor!

Captains, don't forget to take pictures of your team at this point and upload them to pathfinderstl.org/prosper/upload

BRAINSTORMING WHEN (5 MINS)

Say: **Hey! We now know WHAT we're doing and WHERE we're doing it. Let's talk about WHEN. Today is the 2nd meeting of Prosper the City, and we have one more planning meeting next week, and this project must happen after that third meeting on the fourth week, before Sunday.**

What's the best day/time when we'll do our service project?

If everyone can't be there at the same time, go for the time that works for the most people possible. someone helping plan an event is service, too! Write the agreed-upon day/time on the easel pad.

BRAINSTORMING HOW (10 MINS)

Hand out a single sheet of paper and a pen. Then say:

Partner into four groups. I'm going to give you and your partners(s) an area of responsibility. Take 5 minutes to brainstorm and write down everything we need to organize or plan for that area of responsibility.

SCHEDULE

What's happening
when for the
project?

INVITES

Who and how should
we invite others
(family, friends, city
leaders) to be a part
of this project?

SUPPLIES

What do we need to
make this project
happen?

JOBS

What are the roles
for this event we
need to assign?

Start a timer for 5 minutes and say, **"Go!"** Your energy level gives them a cue on how to respond!

While the groups are talking, tear off 2 separate sheets from the easel pad. Draw a horizontal line to divide the sheets in half and write on the top of each section one area of responsibility, (SCHEDULE, INVITES, SUPPLIES & JOBS) respectively.

Write **"TAKE HORIZONTAL PHOTOS AND VIDEOS DURING THE EVENT"** under **"JOBS TO BE DONE"**. This serves as an example of an often-forgotten jobs!

Once the timer rings say: **I'm going to record the basics of your details on the easel pad. Afterwards we'll assign someone to take on the role but, for right now, I'm just getting the idea written down.**

What did you come up with in your groups?

After each group shares:

Say: **Can the rest of the team think of anything that is missing?**

Write down any amendments or additions on the easel pad sheets.

ASSIGNING HOW (5 MINS)

Say: **Let's assign these tasks. I'll put initials next to each job we came up with.**

Write down the initials of who's responsible next to each assignment.

Say: **Is there anything on our list I can put a star next to because it is time sensitive and we need to do it ASAP?**

Draw a star next to any time—sensitive assignments.

Captain, save the HOW sheets for the start of next week's meeting.

CLOSING PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS (1 MIN)

Say: **Great job, everyone! Let's close today out with a prayer.**

Before we pray, are there any prayer requests you have that we can include in today's closing prayer?

After prayer requests are shared, say: **Will you pray with me?**

Close the meeting with prayer. If there are any announcements, you may give them here.