

- To make the most of the speakers that come, we ask that you, as pastors and leaders, incorporate what has been taught into the life of the church and begin putting it into practice as the evangelistic series approaches.
- Sample topics are:
 - Preparing for the Harvest Preparation
 - How to Use Social Media to Reach Guests Preparation
 - **Service Evangelism** Preparation/Preservation
 - Innovative Evangelism Proclamation/Preservation
 - Creating Churches Unchurched People Love Proclamation/Preservation
 - Reaching the Next Generation Proclamation/Preservation
 - Growing your Church Through Small Groups Preparation/Preservation
 - Developing Healthy Adventist Churches Preparation/Preservation
 - Winning the Heart (how to get decisions) Preparation
 - Reaching Former-Adventists and Retention Preservation
 - **Volunteer Training** Preparation
 - **Intercessory Prayer** Preparation
 - Personal Evangelism Preparation

6 months before-OPTON #1--SMALL GROUPS (Preparation/Proclamation)

- We begin building relationships with the people in our communities through Community Bible Studies
- We ask that each church choose the small group curriculum that works best for their church/small groups.
- We also encourage your churches to begin children and youth baptismal classes in preparation for the meetings.
- **Additional Resource-Everyone Welcome**
 - Adventist Learning Community
<https://www.adventistlearningcommunity.com/courses/motivating-members-for-evangelism>
 - The name of the course is "Motivating Member for Evangelism."
- **HOPE Bible Studies**- Purpose: These lessons are intended to help you understand, deal with, and overcome life's hurts, hang-ups, and negative habits and to bring you hope and healing.
- **RAMP**- Purpose: This book focuses on ways that we can help those members who have stopped attending church to RECONNECT.

6 months before-OPTON #2—R.A.M.P. (Preparation/Proclamation)

- **OBJECTIVE:** To implement a strategy for reconnection using the RAMP resource to measure its effectiveness in the local congregations within the Southern Union.
- **REQUIREMENTS**
 1. Distribute books.
 - i. The Southern Union will provide one physical book per family based on Sabbath morning attendance and access to unlimited electronic books for your local church.
 2. *Preach RAMP sermon series.
 - i. **Research** Luke 15:4-7
 - ii. **Avoid** Luke 15:8-10
 - iii. **Meet** Luke 15:20-21
 - iv. **Prepare** Luke 15:22-24

* Make sure to take time to go through the questions listed at the end of each chapter. Ideally, after your sermon, but it can also be done during Sabbath school or prayer meetings.
 3. Reach Out
 - i. Appoint reconnection committee. This committee can be your church board or elder board.
 - ii. Call, write, visit and connect through social media. Follow the principles taught in the MEET chapter of the book.
 4. Homecoming Day
 - i. This should be a high Sabbath special program that includes food and fellowship.

4 months before-SEASON OF SERVICE (Preparation/Proclamation)

- Season of Service is a 40-day service initiative that seeks to demonstrate God's love in practical ways to the city.
- The plan has four simple steps:
 1. A **daily** service activity that any one person can do. This is encouraged in the daily devotional called: Season of Service
 2. Challenge each **church department** to select at least **one service project** they participate in as a team.
 3. You can organize a **weekend** service-intensive activity with multiple opportunities to serve as churches, groups, families, and individuals. This intensive usually happens around day 20 of the 40 days.

- We will provide the brochures with all of the SOS weekend opportunities along with a website where they can sign up to volunteer.
www.mycitysos.com
 - We also provide t-shirts for all those who volunteer.
4. End the 40 days with a **Sabbath** celebration of service in your local church, where you affirm and thank volunteers for their service. In addition, you can invite and pray for civic leaders and local service organizations at that time.
 5. **SAVE THE DATE PROMO:** The first round of promotion for the series is handed out during these 40 days through Save the Date postcards.
 6. **BONUS:** Roger can make himself available to do a Relationship Special for the community during these 40 Days of Service.

1-3 months before-BIBLE WORKERS ARRIVE (Preparation)

- Union/Conference provides their salaries
- Bible workers are responsible for their transportation and two meals
- Local churches are responsible for a bed and breakfast style lodging and weekly gas stipend.

40 days before-GOD'S CITY, MY CITY-PRAYER AND SHARING CAMPAIGN & SMALL GROUPS (Preparation/Proclamation)

GCMC has three components:

1. Six Small Group Lessons are found in the first part of the book. One lesson for each week will lead up to the week of the evangelistic series. These lessons encourage the members of the small group to:

Love the city.	Pray for the city.	Engage the city.
Serve the city.	Invite the city.	Transform the city.

 - **FREE:** For the small group leader or pastor- A short version of how to teach each lesson. Watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/pastorRogerHernandez/videos>
 - **Free:** Small group leader training manual. A simple how-to for the small group leader. Download it here for free.
<http://www.slideshare.net/RogerHernandez6/my-citygods-cityhowto>
2. 40-Day Prayer and Sharing Devotional is found in the back of the book. We encourage everyone to pray for each aspect of the evangelistic series and share their faith daily. The devotional provides:
 - A memory verse to ground him/her in God's word.
 - Applications to teach him/her God's word.
 - A practical assignment to put into action God's word in his/her life

3. Sermon Series — with the same six titles as the small group lessons, to be developed by the pastor and preached concurrently with the small group series.

40 days before-ADVERTISING & PRE-REGISTRATION (Preparation)

- We begin to blanket our neighborhoods with handbills and posters, radio and newspaper ads, etc....
- At this time, we begin to pre-register everyone, including members. Why everyone?
 - So our guests will not feel like we are just singling them out.
 - To create a spirit of fellowship where everyone knows your name.
 - We can keep a better record of attendance.
 - There is a greater sense of commitment to attend if you are pre-registered.

3-4 weeks before-VOLUNTEER TRAINING DAY (Preparation)

- Committees are formed, and directors are assigned
- Each committee director will get the opportunity to meet with their volunteers and go over details and their responsibilities during the week of the series.
- The training is an important factor in the organization and excellence of each area of the series.

PRESENTATIONS

DATE	SERMON	DESCRIPTION	ADVENTIST CONNECTION
Saturday PM	Epic Fail	Failure can be your teacher, but it doesn't have to define you. Understand the reasons, opportunities, and reactions to failure. God can help you, here and now. An invitation to VICTORY.	Great controversy
Sunday	We all have issues...	Let's be real for a moment. We all have problems. We will study three of the most common problems you and I have and how God's grace positively impacts them. An invitation to be REAL.	Grace
Monday	Rest	Rather than being just another rat in the rat race, discover the secret to balance. God wants you to Stop. Worship. Rest. An invitation to BALANCE.	Sabbath
Tuesday	Dollars and Sense	Someone said we spend money we do not have on things we do not need to impress people we do not even like. Come and understand our part, the perils, and the purpose of money. An invitation to PROSPER.	Finances/Tithing
Wednesday	Building Bridges	Because sometimes you and your kin cannot. Come and learn the three characteristics of a successful family. There will be something for everyone, couples, children, and singles. An invitation to BELONG.	Family
Thursday	The Problem with Pain and Suffering	One of the oldest, most troubling questions is how a good God can allow bad things to happen. Discover God's answer to the problem of pain and suffering. We will pray for healing at the end of the meeting. An invitation to HEALING.	Health, Healing, Heaven
Friday	Surrender	What comes to mind when you hear surrender? In this message subtitled "One More Night with The Frogs," we will discover the secret to life transformation. Surrender is not a four-letter word.	Discipleship
Saturday PM	Hope Wins!	Hope is not a political slogan or a pipe dream. Hope is what sustains, inspires, and propels. God does not consult your past to build your future. An invitation to DECIDE.	Baptism