



mini
moments of reflection & learning



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See reflection activity sheet for further details



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Break it down to 1. the issue, 2. the resources, 3. the fix!

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Think of a ministry issue or a need you are experiencing currently?

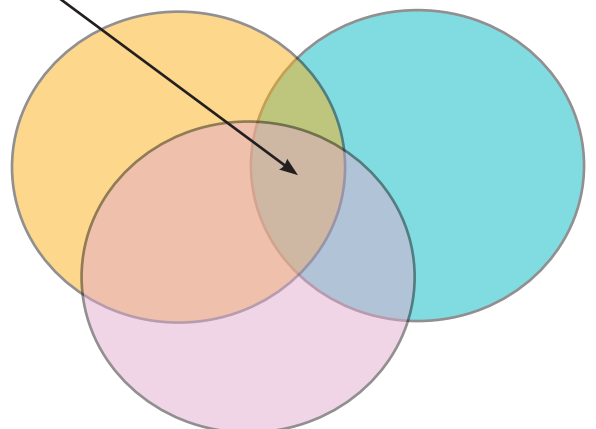
See if the following steps provide some insight. At least spend this time prayerful considering step one. Adapt where necessary.

1. What is the problem and why? What needs to be done? ... realistically!!! (No you can't have a new one that prints money with all problems solved including world peace.) Do you have a vision for what you would like to see and why? Can you articulate that vision and your reasons in a few simple sentences?
2. What do we have on hand to fix it? Do we have the time, materials, dollars? Can I fix it or is an expert available? Who have we got? What have we got? Where are the two or three people that can pray together about this towards some resolution? Can we figure out a set of steps to achieve our plan? What would be a great first step? How will God change us in the process?
3. Then there is the mystery part of it all. It's more than likely to be the result of prayer. Everything comes together. Not only have you done the work of step one AND all the step two resources are in place, there is ALSO the energy, inclination, inspiration, team and serendipitous timing coming together ensuring it all happens Let's describe this as the God Factor.

Everybody senses the opportunity that God is making possible. New is coming out of old. People picture how life could be and grasp the vision. There are the elements of taking some first steps and doing the work but then God 'shows up' ... conversations go really, really well; people get excited and commit to something bigger than they are.

Synergy happens. Pray for it. Wait for it. Look for it.

Don't you just love it when a plan comes together?



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