



Build *the* Church

Open Door Sundays

Making Sunday a Gateway to Discipleship

This teaching aims to help you shift from insider services to Sundays that reach the unchurched and lead to discipleship.

Build the Church one Sunday at a time.





What is the purpose of your Sunday Service?



"The goal of Sunday Morning
is to get them to come back."
– Chris Hodges

The goal of Open Door Sundays.

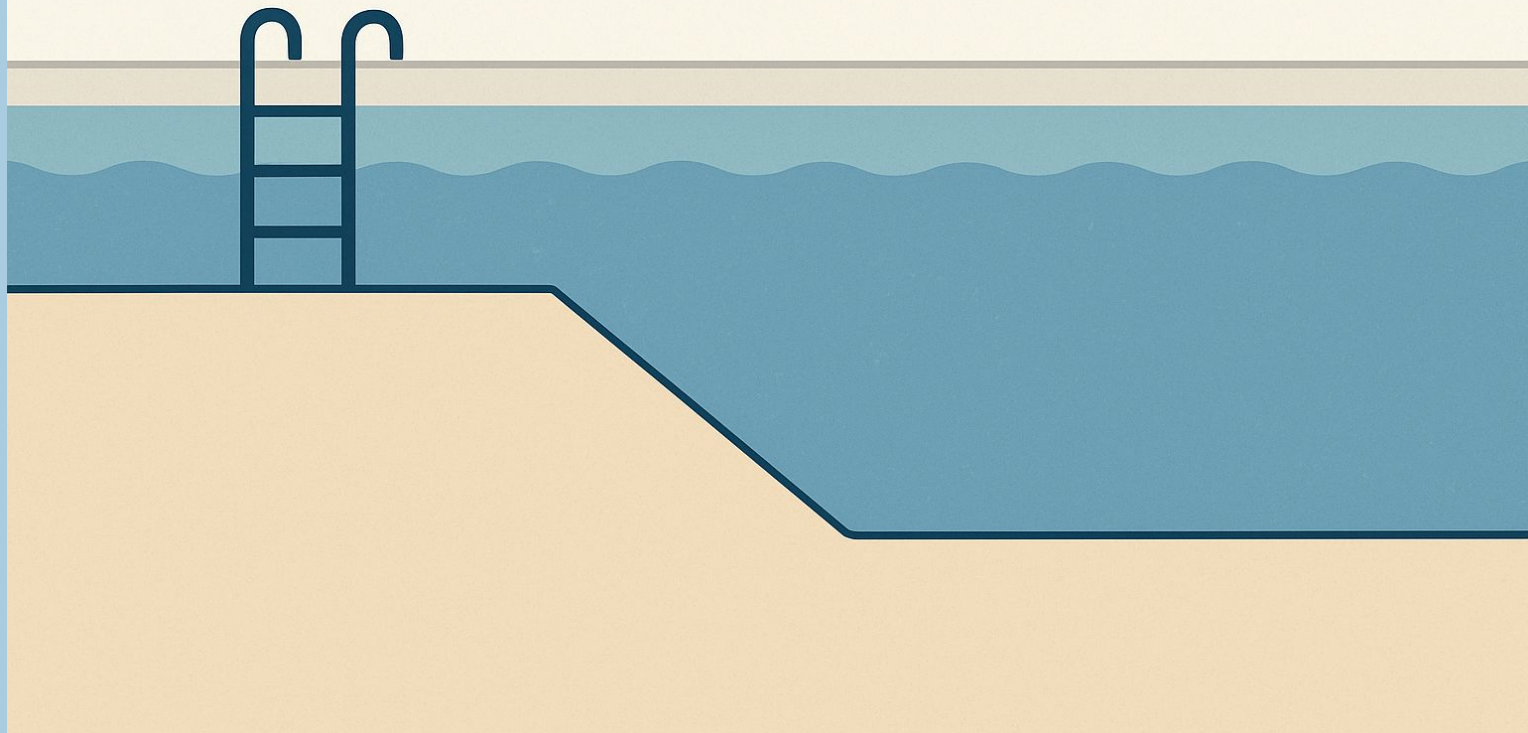
"Churches should have a **shallow end** and a **deep end**.
The shallow end is for those that can't swim yet, and the deep end is for those that can.

If you can't get people to Sunday morning, then we'll never have the chance to lead them to a deeper life in Christ."
-Billy Hornsby



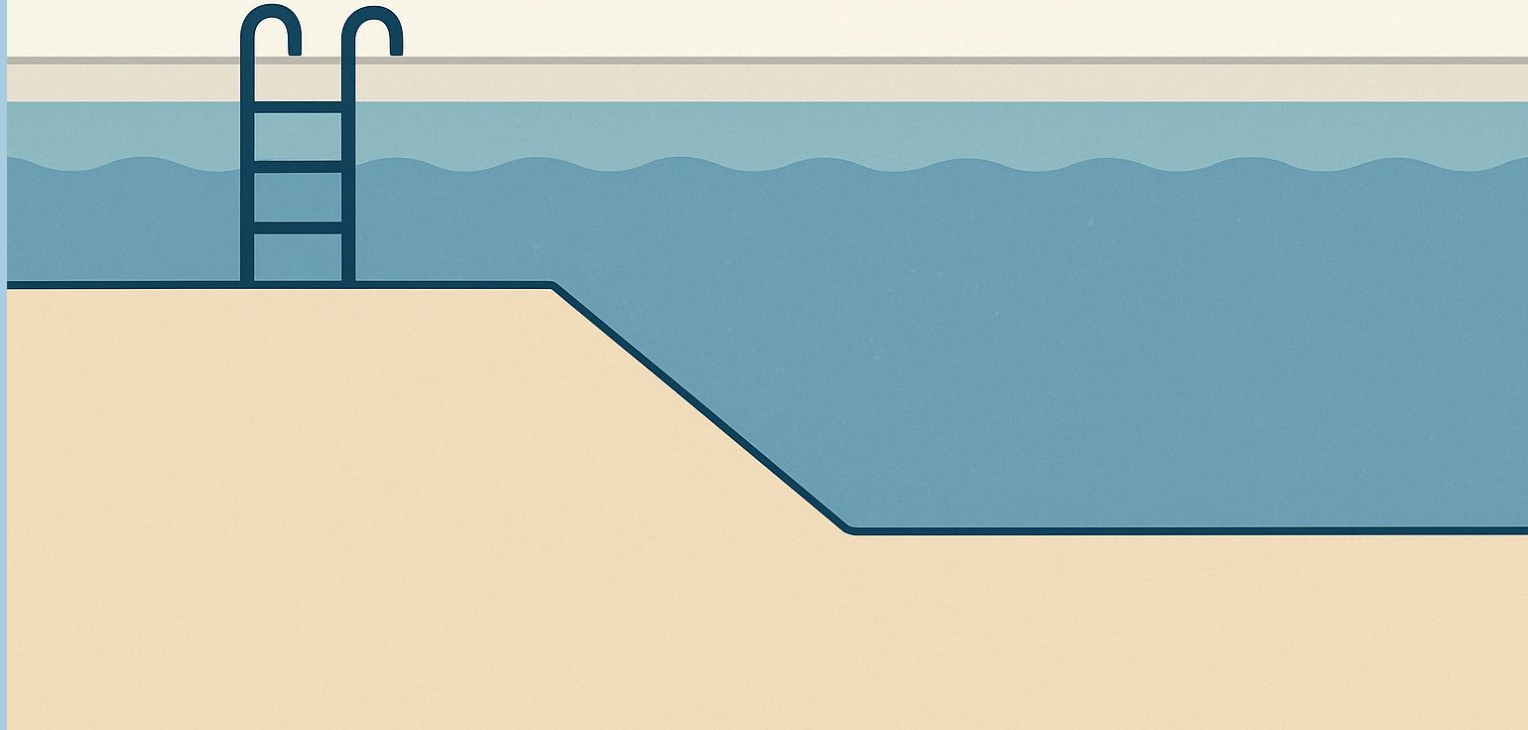
SHALLOW

DEEP



SUNDAY

DISCIPLESHIP



"When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings".

- 1 Corinthians 9:22-23

Open the Front Door of Your Church Culture.

- An attractional worship experience creates a much ***broader front door*** that gives a greater opportunity for more people to receive ministry from your church.
- Sunday Morning is the ***top of the funnel*** that will lead people into a meaningful relationship with God and then experience healing, freedom discipleship, and leadership in other environments.
- The ***wider your net***, the more fish you can catch.



Application:

- **Encourage Participation** - An Open Door Sunday requires believers to mature faster because Sunday is not about them.
- **Talk the Talk** - The message and everything else presented from the stage, at an attractional worship experience should use language everyone can understand.
- **Don't be in a Hurry** - "If we get them back, then we will have a lifetime to do all the things others attempt to do in one day." - Chris Hodges

If you help people take one step at a time,
then you will walk with them for a lifetime. If
you skip their first step or try to rush them,
then you may only get one shot.

Sample Run Sheet

Service

Pre-Service

9:30 a.m. Music playing
(30:00)

9:55 a.m. Countdown video
(05:00)

10:00 a.m. Worship starts (00:00)

10:04 a.m. Worship welcome (04:00)

10:07 a.m. Second song (07:00)

10:12 a.m. Third song (12:00)

10:18 a.m. Worship transition

encouragement and prayer. (18:00)

10:22 a.m. Cue News Video (22:00)

10:25 a.m. Message Buffer Video (25:00)

10:26 a.m. Message (26:00)

11:00 a.m. Altar call begins (60:00)

11:03 a.m. Lift your hand if that's you (63:00)

11:04 a.m. Prayer (64:00)

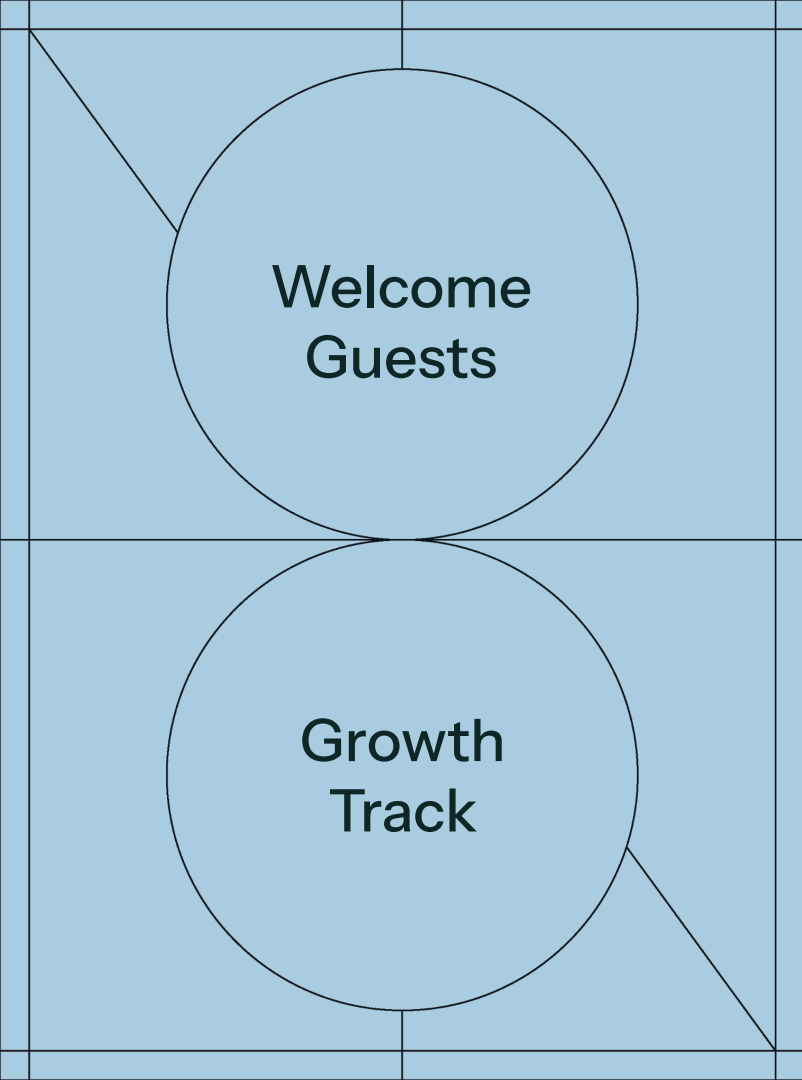
11:06 a.m. Connection Card & Offering
(66:00)

11:10 a.m. Final Announcements (70:00)

11:13 a.m. Closing prayer (73:00)

11:15 a.m. Dismiss (75:00)

“Years ago, the government in America had a campaign, “Say No to Drugs.” I’d update and modify it for pastors: “Say No to Announcements”—not all of them, but most of them.” - Michael Murphy



**Welcome
Guests**

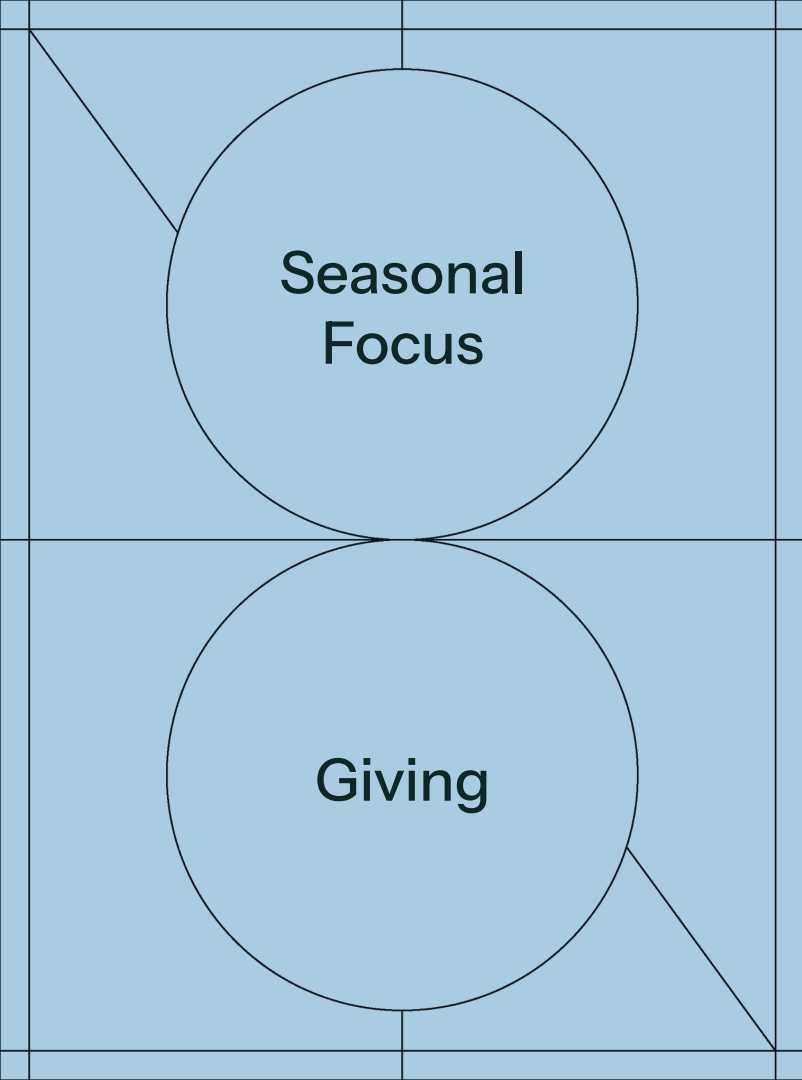
**Growth
Track**

Announcements for Everyone

Warmly welcome them without drawing too much attention to the individual and ask them to fill out a connection card.

The connection card is the lock on the back door of your church. Be intentional with this card and your church will grow!

Each week you will need to announce that week's step and why it is important for new people to take it.



**Seasonal
Focus**

Giving

Announcements for Everyone

In different seasons of the church you will want your congregation to focus on different aspects of your ministry.

For example, three times a year you will make announcements about the start of small groups.

Giving is for our members. We want this service to be our gift to you if you are new.

Celebrate how people's giving is making a difference and expanding the kingdom. Giving options include after worship and at the end of service.

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