

Introduction to the Incarnational Framework

Unlocking a Community in Mission



Welcome & Introduction

Street Psalms frees leaders to love and serve in the shape of a Community in Mission (CiM).

- We have an Incarnational Framework and have built a suite of resources to cultivate that vision.
 - CiM - describes this vision.
 - Other resources (some forthcoming) flesh this out: Hermeneutic, Methodology, and Design.
- Our initiatives - designed to help CiMs come alive in their efforts to free up others.



Focus Today

Introduce the major concepts of the Incarnational Framework and show how it is applied by some of our partners.



Incarnational Framework: Overview

- Three main movements – **See, Do, and Be.**
- These **Free** us up in the context of community – a Community in Mission.
 - **See, Do, Be → Freedom**
 - Freedom - not reckless, doing whatever we want. Rather it is when we fully embrace the invitation to participate in the ongoing act of co-creation.
- For those of us coming from a Christian faith tradition, Jesus is our model. We also recognize that other faith traditions provide similar models.



Incarnational Framework: Overview

The Incarnational Framework:

- Functions as a **diagnostic tool** designed to help leaders and all members of their organizations assess their freedom to love and serve.
- Asks a **common set of questions** that unlock individuals and organizations in the shape of their own vocation and call.
- Is a **rule of life** for Street Psalms; these common questions unite us.



Today's Workshop Format

- Overview the 3 main movements: See, Do, Be.
- Small group discussion of these movements.
- Panel discussion from leaders who have used the Incarnational Framework (IF) in their organizations.
- Closing thoughts and announcements.



SEE

Scarcity to Abundance - Does your way of *seeing* call you out of the myth of scarcity into the reality of abundance?

- **The lie: There is not enough!** - We are driven by a vision of need, problems, deficiency and lack.
- **The truth: There is enough!** - We are drawn by a vision of opportunity and possibility present in all things. This perspective frees us to cooperate and find ways of sharing and distributing resources equitably. This creates the conditions for authentic community.

DO

Theory to Practice - Does your way of *doing* call you out of theory into practice?

- **The lie: Humans are primarily rational beings.** It prioritizes disembodied ideas and ideologies over real relationships and lived experiences. It is a “top down” approach.
- **The truth: Humans are primarily relational beings.** This bottom up, embodied approach resists the temptation to do things “to” or “for” those we serve. Instead it invites us to walk “with” those we serve.

BE

Rivalry to Peacemaking - Does your way of *being* call you out of rivalry into peacemaking?

- **The lie: The other is foe.** It is a posture of engagement in which the “other” is seen as a threat. It creates the conditions for scapegoats. Leads to unending cycles of violence.
- **The truth: The other is friend.** It is a posture of engagement that taps into the underlying unity of all things. This creates a culture of hospitality and belonging. Leads to lasting peace, well-being and wholeness for all.

Small Group Discussion Questions

What Framework paradigm shift ...

- offers (or has offered) the most radical new idea to you or to your community?
- is (or has been) most difficult for you to embrace? What barriers do you perceive?
- stands to make the biggest, positive change towards freedom for you? For your community?

FREE

Does your way of seeing, doing and being call forth a Community in Mission that is *free* to love and serve?

- Freedom - is not the shallow freedom of pop culture that is reduced to "I can do whatever I want."
- Instead, it is a deep freedom of those who have recognized and embraced their call to participate in the ongoing act of co-creation and freely choose to take responsibility for it.
- It is important for us as individuals and as communities. Free communities are Communities in Mission.

Panel Discussion

Participants:

- DJ Vincent: Pastor, Co-founder and CEO of Church @ the Park in Salem, OR, USA
- Miriam Medina: Family Advocate and Chaplain at Mile High Ministries in Denver, CO, USA
- Preston Adams: Founder and CEO of Love and Liberation in Aurora, CO, USA



Concluding Thoughts

The Incarnational Framework:

- The What: See, Do, Be → Freedom.
- The How:
 - In community, overtime, in context.
 - A question-oriented, relational methodology.
 - Unites us
 - Cultivates the very qualities of CiMs – posture of humility, invitation, openness, creativity

Concluding Remarks and Next Steps

Resources:

- www.streetpsalms.org/framework for IF document, Self-Assessment

Upcoming Opportunities:

- Join rhythms: www.streetpsalms.org/hub
- The Commons: 4th Wednesday of every month
 - October 23, 8:00am PDT (UTC -7): Ordination Ceremony
- Next workshop: Introduction to Becoming a Community in Mission, Nov 7, 8:00-9:30 am PST (UTC -8); open to all, especially useful for Preaching Peace Table hosts, SP Ordained, Hub Directors, Practicing Peace participants



Thank You!

