

Incarnational Method:

Being Inducted into our
Shared Humanity



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 written resources to cultivate that vision.
 - CiM - describes this vision. Other resources flesh this out: Hermeneutic, Incarnational Methodology, and Incarnational Design.
- Many other formats - workshops, lectionary resources, initiatives. All are designed to help CiMs come alive in their efforts to free up others.



Focus Today

We explore Jesus' method of formation and how Jesus inducts his disciples into a shared humanity. What is this approach? What are the implications of this methodology for individual formation and for CiMs?

What is a CiM?

“A community in mission is a group that has a large enough mission to call forth community, and a strong enough community to sustain the mission. A community without mission is self-absorption. Mission without community is unsustainable. A community in mission is life-giving and transformational when modeled after the life of Christ.”

- Jack Fortin



Why a CiM?

- Short answer - they are the “right tool for the job.”
- Complex issues facing our communities.
- CiMs model the very focus and functioning needed to address these issues.

Today's Workshop

- **Part 1: The Challenge**

Our broader context and humans as mimetic beings – the imitation of desire.

- **Part 2: A Gospel Induction**

What is induction, why use an inductive approach, and how is lament important to this process?

- **Part 3: Application**

Our city contexts, rhythms & practices, and the importance of incorporating all the fragments.

- **Concluding Thoughts and Next Steps**



Part 1: The Challenge

Three assertions/insights:

- The world is volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous (VUCA).
- We imitate the desire that we see evidenced in other people (mimesis).
- We call forth this desire in community, over time, in context.

How have you experienced these features of gospel induction?

How have they been challenging?

How or why do they matter personally / professionally?



Small Group Discussion Questions

Because we borrow our desires from others, consider those from whom you've borrowed your desires.

- Who are those people?
- What do those choices tell you about yourself?
- How do you see mimesis playing out in your community?



Part 2: Gospel Induction

- An inductive approach matches our relational nature.
 - The medium is the message. We are primarily relational before we are rational.
- Gospel Induction:
 - is a journey of *accompaniment*.
 - must include room for lament. We must give voice to our own woundedness – in our communities.

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Do you experience this type of gospel induction in your community?

- If not, how come? What gets in the way?
- If so, what does it look like? What are its impacts?



Part 3: Application

- Gospel Induction occurs in the real world, one where we engage our city in all of its beauty and complexity.
- Gospel Induction in context requires:
 - a community to induct us,
 - ongoing rhythms and practices,
 - the capacity to incorporate all of ourselves into the work.

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Small Group Discussion Questions

In your work, how do you see these features gospel induction playing out?

- How or why do they matter?
- Where, when, and why is it challenging?



Concluding Thoughts and Next Steps

Resources:

- www.streetpsalms.org/method for Incarnational Method document

Upcoming Opportunities:

- Join rhythms: www.streetpsalms.org/hub
- The Commons: 4th Wednesday of every month
 - Feb 26, 8:00-9:00 am PST (UTC -8)
- Next workshop: Forgiving Victim Series, Part 2; April 3, 8:00-9:30am PDT (UTC -7); open to all, especially useful for Preaching Peace Facilitator Table participants



Thank You!

