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NEW EMPIRICAL STUDY IN PERSONALITY PSYCHOLOGY

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Introduction

This paper carries out an empirical study of examining how acquiring volunteers to serve in the Church Ministry shall increase the opportunities to establish more discipleship at local church and better serve the communities.

Background Information

One may learn that a church without large campuses, elaborate youth programs, church growth seminars, and seminaries may still grow and change lives at remarkable rates if anything can be learned from the early church history. There is various spiritual, sociological, and political elements which contributed to the gospel spread, increase opportunities to create more discipleship, and better serve communities. In offering beneficial environments for the growth of the church, one cannot refuse the benefits of brotherhood, the safety of travel, the Pax Romana, and common languages. The early Christians beyond these external aspects lived in such a manner which caused the earth to rise and take notice because they had a distinct lifestyle which was hard to ignore. They served in one mind, spirit, heart, and soul as they were Christ's followers. As Christ's followers, they sought to follow his footsteps. They cared, loved, and lived as Christ did. From the early church growth through unity and brotherhood, much can be learned. They would pay prices if they were the ultimate price to be paid.

Purpose

Utilizing two Assembly of God churches with disciple-making programs for men and two Assembly of God churches without such programs, the aim of the study is to examine how acquiring volunteers to serve in the Church Ministry shall increase the opportunities to establish more discipleship at local church and better serve the communities.

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Research Questions

The following questions have been determined to achieve the aim of this research:

- What are the impacts of the existing discipleship programs in serving the local church and community?
- What are the contrasts of a church with discipleship programs and one without vital discipleship programs?

Methodology:

Qualitative case study

The qualitative case study method will enable the researcher to how acquiring volunteers to serve in the Brotherhood Ministry shall increase the opportunities to establish more discipleship at local church and better serve the communities. This approach will be successful in examining participants' views, perceptions, and thoughts regarding the topic of study. Data will be collected through semi-structured interviews, focus groups, and journaling. Qualitative research methods can support enhanced spontaneity and variations in the relations between the researcher and research participants. Additionally, qualitative methods concentrate on portraying the research participants' perspectives. The researchers may have had different potential mismatched deductions and required to collect enough information and data that allows us to know which presumptions worked best empirically.

Data collection

Questionnaires and Structured Interviews

Interviews and questionnaires will be considered as the most appropriate methods of data collection (Dillman, Smyth, and Christian, 2014). Utilizing interviews will yield the detailed information needed to provide an understanding of the scope of the topic of study. It is important

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to note that the broad spectrum of the population has less concern and awareness in pages of statistical computation; however, some of the well-positioned case studies are capable of having a lasting impact. Coupled with these essential attributes, the method was more appropriate for the research since it required extensive sources of data to obtain the perspectives and vibrancy of the topic of study (Kyriakides, Kaloyirou, and Lindsay, 2016). With the knowledge that the users of the research findings may not have enough experience to understand the concepts correctly, it provided grounds for the researcher to put down the results accordingly.

Individuals to tell their story and experiences

The researcher can use narrative research design where people tell their stories and experiences (Kothari 2014). The researcher will rely on or written and spoken words of people or visual representations. This approach is focused on the lives of people, as told through their personal experiences and narratives. The focus in the design will be on the tale, necessarily both what and how the story is told. The narrative approach is considered relevant for this study as it enables the researcher to understand real-world measures that are appropriate when a real-life problem or challenge is explored. The narrative approach should be set out through validation of the audience, and it is an integral part of social research, even though individual stories and experiences may not stand on its own in supporting the conclusion of the study. The questions arising from the story and experience accuracy will be objective, although they should be viewed in their socio-cultural contexts. Narratives can be used to narrow down a vast research field of the impact of hostile immigration policy on migrants into an easily researchable topic of study. The narrative design will also be outstanding in exploring whether the particular model or theory applied the ideas in reality (Menon and Demaray 2013). It is an essential design since little is known about the issue or matter under research.

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Historical facts

To obtain a proper design of this study, the researcher should review several past events that are considered to be appropriate (Crawford 2014). The choice of the most suitable model for the research should be determined by the intention of the study and the nature of data that is to be gathered. Historical facts will be an essential part of this research because it shall provide crucial facts about past immigration policies concerning the topic of study. In-depth interviews are considered as the most appropriate methods of data collection (Creswell 2014). Utilizing detailed historical facts will help the researcher to gather adequate information to understand the concept. The values and teaching of Jesus Christ profoundly influenced the early Christians as the gospel captivated them. From their actions, one can assume that they were consumed with the God Kingdom values and transformed by Christ. In their communities, they were more than light and salt. Rather, they were their communities "soul." Christians are differentiated from other people neither by the customs, nor language, nor a country that they observe. Christians exhibit to us their confessedly and wonderful striking life method by inhabiting barbarian cities and Greek and following the indigenous customs regarding foods, clothing and the rest of their common behaviors that the volunteers serving in Brotherhood Ministry can emulate to serve the communities better. Simply as sojourners, they dwelt in their nations. They shared all things with other people as citizens and yet endured everything as if they were aliens. The early churches were far from being isolated from its communities. Today, many churches have been isolated from their societies and lost the skills of being parts of conversations and life of the communities.

The early church engaged side-by-side in the life of their neighbors and communities. With their communities and neighbors, they shared in the common ground areas even though there was

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more to the lives of early Christians. The gospel captivated them. To be unconditionally charmed by the gospel allowed the early churches to behave differently to go against the culture flow freely. The early Christians shaped themselves after Christ who welcomed little children in a society which devalued them. The Jesus followers would search the city for abandoned children and love and raise them as their own in a city where babies were abandoned and left to perish. By rescuing the children abandoned by other people and raising their babies, the Christian deplored swam, abortions, and infanticides against the cultural tides. The early leaders' teachings focused on the service and love importance to other people and the community. Not just to the faith family, the good was done to everyone. The early followers of Christ focused on helping the community as they did good and loved all. They based their Sermon teachings on caring for others. When non-believers were cared to health by Christians, many of them turned to Christianity through being recipients of such grace and love.

This kind of love cannot be faked or manufactured. The monarch Julian wrote in the year 362 great Galatian pagan priests that the moral characters and benevolence of Christians towards strangers caused the growth of Christianity. The supported their poor and less privileged through volunteers. The unique behaviors of Christians caused Julian to introduce campaigns to create pagan charities. There were no or little responses for all that he urged pagan priest to match Christian practices since there were no traditional practices or doctrinal bases for them to build upon. It was the irresistible growths of the gospel and influences which in 313AD caused monarch Constantine to appreciate the Christianity triumph instead of cause it. What attracted the people to the God of Christians were the self-forgetting practices of believers. The only people amid terrible ills who showed humanity and feelings by their actions were the believers.

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People glorified the God of Christians as they were convinced the good deeds of the early church. They confessed that believers alone were religious and truly pious.

Christian and theologian philosopher Augustine of Hippo (354-430AD) contended self-serving churches he argued that the churches were not refuges from the universe but existed for the sake of earth which was hurting. The early churches, through their clear practices and thinking, established the foundation for all time forward what the churches should and could be in association with serving the communities. The foundation was what scholar Cahill Thomas referred to the original gospel substance, and it was fundamental for replications and survivals of the gospel.

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