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A. Spiritual warfare will take place. (Ephesians 6:12)

1. The enemy will resist the efforts of God's people and His agenda. (Mark 3:27)
2. Spiritual warfare will ensue on multiple battlegrounds.
 - In your personal life. (James 4:7)
 - Overcome the enemy by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. (Revelation 12:11)
 - By position of authority in Christ. (Ephesians 1:20-21, 2:6, Colossians 2:13-15, Luke 10:17, Matthew 28:18)
 - By the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit. (Ephesians 6:16, 1 Peter 5:9, Matthew 4:4,7,10)
 - By controlling thoughts and bringing them into subjection. (Romans 12:2)
 - In various levels of powers and various inhabitations.
 - Gabriel needed the help of Michael to defeat the Prince of Persia. (Daniel 10:11-21)
 - There are habitations of spiritual powers from regional, to city/village to the individual. They need to be dealt with on proper terms of identification. (Ephesians 6)
 - Pray that God would give you spiritual discernment to see and identify the reigning strong man. (2 Corinthians 10:4)

B. Identify the location or multiple locations of outreach. (Luke 10:8)

1. Places without any churches.
2. Places that are strategic areas of influence.
3. Places that will have high impact on the entire community or city.

C. Look for places of great need.

1. Places with high levels of poverty.
2. Places with high levels of dysfunction.
3. Places with high levels of sick, destitute and forgotten people.

4. Places that are spiritually dark.
5. Places that are disregarded because they seem like they have no need.
 - Wealthy communities.
 - High caste communities.
 - Locations with politicians or government officials

D. First go and reach out to the unreached. (Romans 15:20)

1. Jesus came to seek and save the lost.
2. Paul made it clear his aim was to go where nobody had preached the Gospel.
3. Go where there is a harvest of lost people ready to be reached.

E. From here and unto the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

F. Fast and prayer walk the identified location. (Joshua 1:3)

1. Pray against spiritual strongholds.
2. Pray for blessing over the people.
3. Pray for the Lord to identify receptive hearts for the Gospel. (Matthew 10:11-13; Luke 10:5-9)

G. Evangelize the unbelievers in the identified location.

1. You and your team share the love of Christ.
2. Approach people in love and compassion, never condemnation.
3. Share your testimonies and God's redemptive work in your life. (Romans 15:18)
4. Explain who you were before Christ, and who you are now with Christ.
5. Show how Christ can bring hope, love, acceptance and redemption to them as well.

H. Pray for people. (John 14:12, Matthew 10:8)

1. Pray for the sick to be healed.
2. Pray for the oppressed to be delivered.

I. Clearly explain the Gospel.

1. Jesus Christ as the only way. (John 14:6)

2. Pray with the lost in repentance, confession of Jesus lordship and commitment to serve Him.

J. Engage people in a tangible way beyond evangelism

1. Invite people to church.
 2. Invite them to an ongoing personal relationship.
 3. People are looking for authentic relationships, not just a sales pitch.
 4. Give the new believer a Bible if possible.
 5. Explain to them the next steps in their faith, and help them enter a process of discipleship.
 6. Encourage new believers to tell others about their faith in Christ. (Romans 1:16)
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