



RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

the 6 P's: Starting a new ministry

You may be asking, “What if I don’t fit any of the ongoing ministries at River Valley? Can I start a new ministry?” Absolutely! If God put you in our church, then he is shaping our ministries around your S.H.A.P.E. (Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, Experiences). We want to support you and unleash you to do what you are made to do. Hopefully, you are a “designer” or have one on your team.

In order to start a new ministry at River Valley, you need to have six things. Each of these six is critical. We call them “The 6 P’s.” Think and pray through these and put them in a ministry proposal, some written form that explains The 6 P’s of your new ministry idea. When you are ready to go, present The 6 P’s to Rodney.

- **Purpose:** There must be a specific purpose for the ministry and that purpose must fit under our church’s purposes of Worship, Evangelism, Community, Ministry and Discipleship. *What is your purpose?*
- **Plan:** There must be a clear, strategic plan for doing the ministry before you start doing the ministry. *What is your plan?*
- **People:** No one starts a ministry alone. You must have a team of helpers. Recruit before you request. Gather before you go. Who are your people?
- **Point:** There must be a leader who has the spiritual gift of leadership. This leader must have made the 201 level commitment through Igniter 201 class and demonstrate leadership abilities. No ministry gets launched without a spiritually gifted and committed leader in place. If that is not you but you have the vision, then start praying for and recruiting a gifted leader. If there is no Point Person, there is no point in asking to begin. *Who is your point person and why is he or she qualified?*
- **Pockets:** Most initiatives take resources to get going, either material or money. You need to know from where those resources are coming, whose pockets are getting tapped. If God is in it, then God has a plan for funding it. You need to do the work to figure out that plan. *What are the pockets providing your resources?*
- **Prayer:** Any ministry that God is leading you to do will be one that he wants you to do his way and in his power. While you are figuring out all these “P’s,” don’t forget to stay locked in with God through prayer. *How will you cover this new ministry in prayer?*

Still Have Questions?

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