

The Navigator Home

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I. Introduction.

A. Topic: The Navigator Home.

B. The idea of using a home as the base of ministry is pretty unique.

C. There is a Scriptural basis for using the home as a training center, place of ministry and place of refreshment. (Acts 2, 16, 18:3, Luke 5:29, Philemon, 2 Kings 4:8-10)

II. The home is a weapon - it draws people in.

A. Three ways it can be used.

1. A base of operation.
2. A place where a person can come and retreat.
3. A training situation for those living in the home.
 - a. It is a miniature conference ground.
 - b. It is also training for the couple.

B. The trend...

1. Is to make the home a small one.
2. Is not to make the home a Bible institute. It is a place for coming in for refreshment and going out.

C. Characteristics.

1. The home has responsibilities.
2. The right men must be selected.
3. The ministry must be started before getting a large home.
4. The overseas home.
 - a. It must be focused on the nationals.
 - b. There is a danger in spoiling the nationals.

c. It helps in breaking down national barriers, in learning the language, in communicating love and in spreading the use of the idea of home ministry.

D. Consequences.

1. Life is sharing and pouring out to others even though it is difficult.
2. The greatest cost comes with those inner sacrifices one makes around people. There must be a real spirit of sacrifice.

Application questions

1. What is meant by the “Navigator home?”

2. What do you think the purpose of the Navigator home is?

3. What considerations are helpful in inviting in someone to live with you for the sake of ministry to and through them?
