

Dropout Believers: A troubling sign of our times in America

In 2016 only 3 of ten adults in the US are in church. Of the remaining seven,

4 used to be in church! These are dropout believers - one who has disconnected himself from any meaningful relationship with the church. Some dropouts are your own family members, friends, neighbors and work associates. Most dropout believers will not respond to invitations to church. So how can you reach out and restore them?



Restoring them to church is only part of the problem. The

other critical part of the problem is connecting each believer to the church. Unless a believer is connected to the church (s)he is likely to become a dropout when the storms of life come. "Connection" to the church is the key to closing the "back door". What does connection mean?



Hunters of the Harvest Ministry provides an answer to these two vital questions.

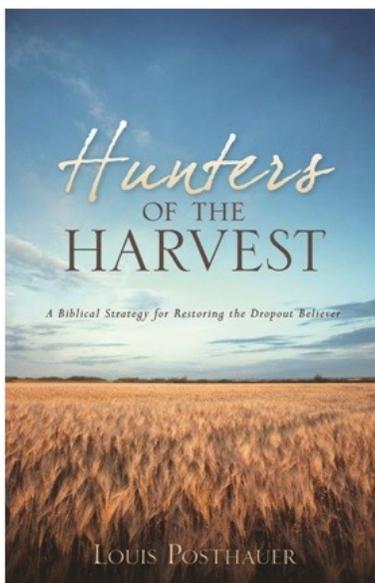
First – How to restore the dropout believer

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Next – Connection to the local church

Connection to the local church involves a "three-stranded cord" that is "not easily broken" (Eccl 4:12). Without each of the three "cords" of connectivity, a believer may become dropout when the storms and issues of life come.

Hunters of the Harvest addresses both of these two critical aspects of the dropout believer crisis in the church in America today. By becoming hunters of the harvest of the dropout believer, active believers and the local church can turn this trend around for good!



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To the Pastor: Hunters of the Harvest Summary

As a church leader, you are painfully aware that many professed believers in Jesus are no longer in church. It is a fact, however, that most dropout believers will not respond to church programs. So how can you reach out and restore them?

In 1 Samuel 30 a divine strategy is revealed to David to enable him to restore his wives and children from the Amalekites who had kidnapped them from his camp. These five steps: Strengthen yourself in the Lord, Inquire, Pursue, Locate the stronghold, and Recover all by warfare; were not only effective for David, but they are effective today for the church family- the body of Christ. The devil has come into our camp, the body of Christ, and through deceit has taken our brothers and sisters in Christ back to the world. Now they are being held captive in a stronghold of the enemy.

1. Where are they?
2. How can we find them?
3. What can we do when we find them?
4. Are we strong enough to recover & restore them?

These are the questions we must answer in order to understand the hunter's strategy for restoration of the dropout believer to the church.

And that's only part of the problem - getting them back in church. The other critical part of the problem is connecting each believer to the church. Unless a believer is connected to the church (s)he is likely to become a dropout when the storms of life come. "Connection" to the church is the key to closing the "back door". Connection involves a "three-stranded cord" that is "not easily broken" (Eccl 4:12). These cords of connection are:

1. Heart for the pastor and vision of the local church
2. Personal relationships in the local church
3. Area of ministry in the local church

Without each of these three "cords" of connectivity, a believer is likely to become disconnected—a dropout believer—when the storms and issues of life come.

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How to deploy Hunters of the Harvest Ministry in your church in 5 simple steps.

This ministry is designed to be deployed by the local church to active members through small groups participating in an 8-week study.

1. Familiarize your pastor/church leader with the purpose of the Hunters ministry by reviewing the website www.huntersoftheharvest.org and the Video Tutorial.
2. Prayerfully consider if the Hunters ministry is right for your church and members.
3. Order the Hunters of the Harvest Deployment package for your size church
[Go to the "Order" page on the website: includes personal consultation support]
4. Schedule the 8-week small group study for participants and order ministry books (study guide included). [allow 14-21 days for delivery].
5. Deploy 8-week small group study campaign.