

How do I/we facilitate a national roundtable?

A roundtable gathering is most effective when it gives a platform for the various alliances, denominations, organizations involved in church planting in a nation to listen to each other, set goals and work toward a collaborative vision together.

Collaborate: from Latin collaborare 'work together'

Systems needed for a National Gathering:

1. Leadership

A committed national church planting process **leader or team** for whom the initiative is a top priority.

2. Motivating Communication

- Identify locations and people groups in the nation for church planting
- Mapping that gives a picture of the nation, stirring the need for church planting

3. Gathering Place

A national and regional **place** where people come to learn and be encouraged

4. Ongoing Support Systems

Recruiting / training / coaching and regular gatherings for prayer

Preparation for a National Gathering:

1. Cast the Vision

- 1. Identify and meet key individuals
- 2. Coordinate date & location
- 3. Ensure broad representation from multiple tribes and organizations
- Emphasize that the meeting is a roundtables for leaders to invite other leaders

2. Clarify, clarify, clarify the concept of Collaboration

- 1. Clarify that the meeting is to collaborate on national saturation, not create a new group
- 2. Schedule a pre-meeting to share, pray, plan

During a National Gathering:

1. Consultation Process

Goal: to meet and network by breaking any walls that divide through stronger relationships.

- 1. Where are we? Taking the pulse
- 2. Where does God want us to go? What is God's vision for collaboration to saturate our nation? What can we do together that no single ministry or network can do on their own?
- 3. How are we going to get there? Each ministry can set a goal to take on a specific need, location, or segment.

2. Outcomes

Outcomes to be praying for:

- · More churches planted and multiplied
- · Relationships are restored and growing
- · All networks in the nation are identified
- · Leaders have exchanged cell #'s
- Missing ministry leaders are identified and invited to next meeting
- Leaders leave with specific personal and organizational goals
- Someone is committed to coordinating the next meeting time, date and location