



Church Communications Strategy Training Course



Content Map Worksheet

How to Align Your Messages

Sample Message Map

To plan a Message Map, start with your Mission Statement, then list any church emphases, including your goals, and finally identify ways that your church is pursuing these goals. Provide 2–4 talking points for each message. Then choose the appropriate type of content for each persona at each stage of your Journey Map and plot those items on your Content Map.

Central Message

Mission Statement

Church Goals

We receive the Means of Grace through regular worship.

Increase participation in Bible Studies to 35% of the congregation.

Grow average weekly Sunday School attendance to 50 kids.

Message 1

Sunday Morning Worship

All Congregation Bible Study

Rally Day

Talking Points

1. Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
2. Communion is offered every other week.

1. Bible study for the entire congregation
2. No specific demographics but encouraged for all members

1. Kick-off for the Sunday School year
2. Games, prizes, food to encourage future attendance

Message 2

Midweek Worship

Small Group Bible Studies

Every Week Sunday School

Talking Points

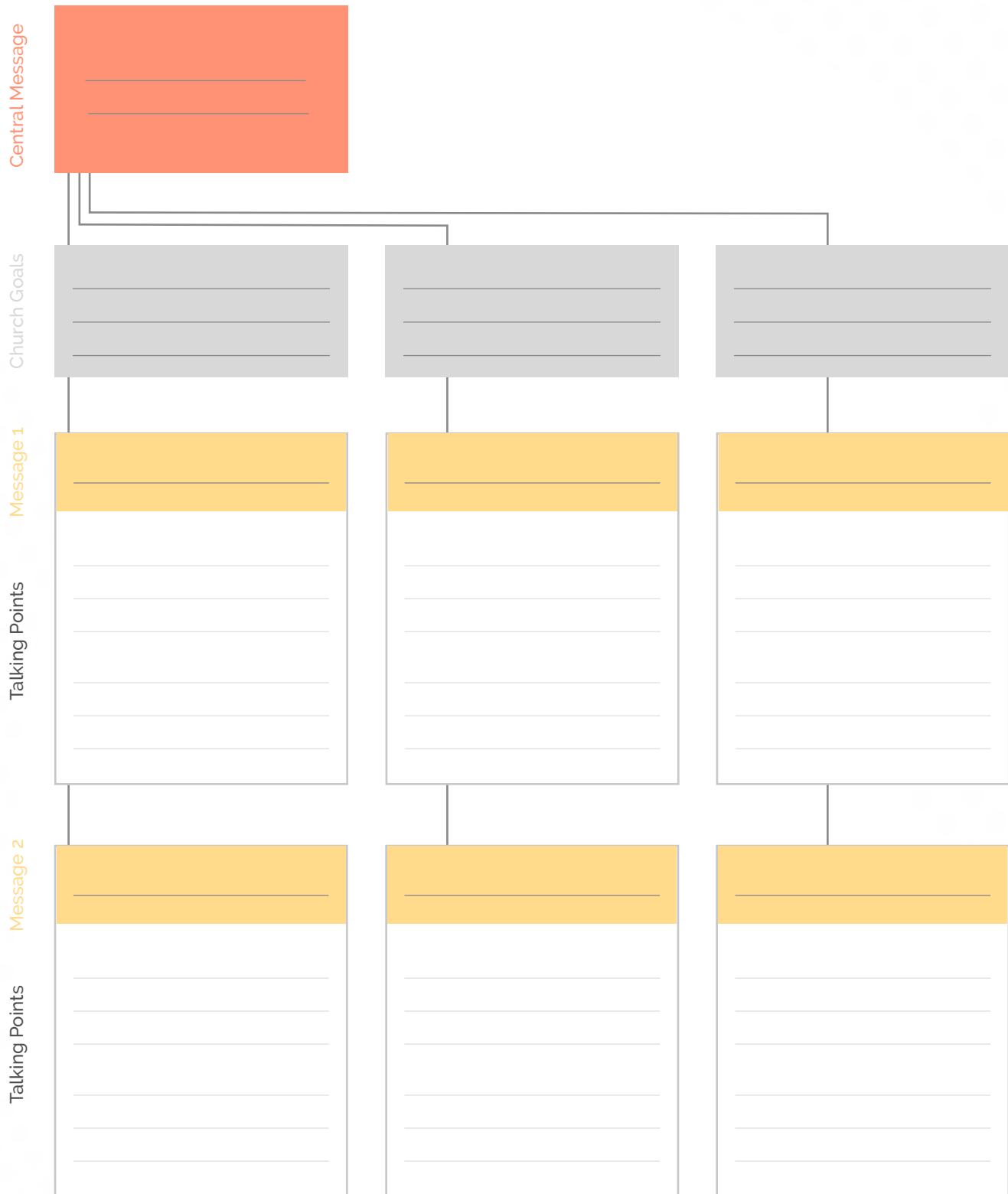
1. Service times are designed for those who work weekends.
2. Meals are offered before services twice a month.

1. Each group is designed for a specific demographic: men, women, youth, etc.
2. Bible Studies are geared toward a gender, age, or role.

1. Split into age groups to provide specialized lessons
2. Begins with general opening for all attendees



Your Message Map



Sample Content Map

| | Millennial Melody | Fortyish Fred | Older-Adult Alice |
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| Persona |  |  |  |
| Prospect | Email thanking her for coming to the event and inviting her to attend worship | Email thanking him for coming to the event and inviting him to attend worship | Phone call thanking her for coming to the event and inviting her to attend worship |
| Visitor | Text message inviting her to come to Bible study the next Sunday | Email about introductory level Bible study with information about free childcare | In-person thank-you gift and invitation to attend the next week's Bible study |
| Potential Member | Blog post about the Body of Christ and how all members have a unique role | Blog post about the multigenerational ministry opportunities for families | Flyer about the benefits of being a member and information about classes |
| Pre-Member | Website with all the steps and expectations for becoming a member | Videos of new member classes that he can watch at his convenience | Printed worksheets for every part of the new member class |
| New Member | Follow-up phone call from her elder welcoming her as a new member | Follow-up welcome call from his elder reminding him of midweek worship | Follow-up welcome call from her elder reminding of transportation assistance |
| Engaged Member | Text with a personal invitation to join a Small Group Bible study | Email invitation to a lecture-based Bible study with childcare provided | Phone call invitation to a discussion-based Bible study |



Your Content Map

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