

# ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INNOVATION

9 to 5 MINISTRY ENTREPRENEURSHIP INITIATIVE



**WHAT IS 9T5?** 9T5 is ODPC's faith and work ministry – we have as our aim a desire to help folks integrate faith and work in a manner that allows the Gospel to come to bear on the work itself. What we mean by this is that the church (generally) has limited faith and work to just ethics (how I behave at work, e.g., be kind, have integrity, show hospitality) and evangelism (share the good news with unbelieving coworkers). While these are very important, we can expand the Gospel implications to include the very work that we do – the work that will be accomplished through a non-profit, the spreadsheets that finance professionals develop, the patient care that doctors provide, the cakes that our bakers make, and so forth. We believe that God cares immensely in not only redeeming souls, but also redeeming creation...a primary way in which that can occur: our work.

**WHAT IS THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP INITIATIVE?** The Entrepreneurship Initiative is a small way for ODPC to encourage and support entrepreneurs within our congregation who have a bold vision for new ventures that promote Gospel-centered renewal to ODPC, Herndon, and beyond. Similar to our vision for the Art Initiative a few years back, this program is a way for the church to recognize, acknowledge, and support our congregants and to provide them with an avenue to utilize their God-given gifts and talents for Kingdom flourishing. ODPC and the 9 to 5 Ministry would like to invest in the creativity of our congregants by providing financial resources in order to help launch new endeavors.

## BUT WHY?

The Gospel gives us new motivations that change why we work, what we create, and how we do it. Our work becomes the expression of our identity and not the source of it.

The Gospel motivates us to humanize our work promoting equity, opportunity, innovation, and ongoing training that recognizes the dignity of all people and the work they do. Our work has profound significance and how we go about doing this work is as important as the product of it.

The humility and boldness that the Gospel uniquely brings must be the anchor for people in all sectors to serve others instead of ourselves. Ventures must strive to seek the flourishing of our cities with courage and perseverance, addressing the systemic brokenness that exists through innovative solutions.

### **HOW DOES IT WORK?** The bullet points:

- To formally pitch an idea, fill out the attached form and send it to John Sim ([johnysim@gmail.com](mailto:johnysim@gmail.com)) and James Kim ([jamesmhkim@gmail.com](mailto:jamesmhkim@gmail.com)). You may submit more than one proposal but please fill out one form per idea.
- At the end of the application period all ideas will be formally reviewed by a selection committee. The committee will consist of ODPC pastors, elders, and members who have a background in entrepreneurship, startups, and pitch review.
- Finalists may be asked to pitch their idea in person to the selection committee.
- Once an idea has been selected the person or group representing the venture will be notified.
- For this first Entrepreneurship Initiative, ODPC and 9 to 5 will commit **\$2,000** to the selected idea that best executes on the vision.

### **OK, WHAT'S THE CATCH?**

As there are no limits to the creative gifting's God has placed in us all, we are not placing any limits in regards to proposed ideas. However, selection will be based upon the idea that best executes on the vision of bringing Gospel-centered renewal to ODPC, Herndon, and beyond.

Both non-profit and for-profit ventures are acceptable so don't be shy about expressing your creativity! The more detail you can provide the better it will allow the selection committee to see the vision you are presenting.

Proposals that simply reappropriate the funds will be considered but we would like to focus on eliciting creative ventures from our congregation. We recognize the many ideas and avenues that the funds could be used for but for this initiative we would like to emphasize innovation.

## **I'M IN – WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?**

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability and send the responses to John Sim ([johnysim@gmail.com](mailto:johnysim@gmail.com)) and James Kim ([jamesmhkim@gmail.com](mailto:jamesmhkim@gmail.com)). If you are submitting more than one idea please separate your submissions.

Thank you, God bless, and good luck!

- 1. WHAT IS YOUR NAME OR THE NAMES OF THOSE PARTICIPATING WITH YOU?**
- 2. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ATTENDING ODPC?**
- 3. IN WHAT INDUSTRY ARE YOU CURRENTLY WORKING IN?**
- 4. IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS YOU CAN PROVIDE, PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR ENTREPRENEURIAL IDEA.**
- 5. HOW WAS THE IDEA FIRST DEVELOPED AND HOW LONG HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THE IDEA?**
- 6. HOW WILL THE INITIAL \$2,000 COMMITMENT ENABLE YOU TO LAUNCH YOUR VENTURE?**
- 7. IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU SEE YOUR IDEA EXECUTING THE VISION OF THE INITIATIVE (TO BRING GOSPEL-CENTERED RENEWAL TO ODPC, HERNDON, AND BEYOND)?**
- 8. WHAT IS YOUR LONG-TERM VISION FOR THE VENTURE?**
- 9. HOW DOES YOUR IDEA CONNECT WITH YOUR CURRENT JOB, IF AT ALL?**
- 10. HOW BEST CAN ODPC ASSIST YOU IN HELPING YOU EXECUTE ON YOUR VENTURE?**

