

Use Your Space for the Mission

Read together: Matthew 28:18-20; Psalm 145:4

Leaders steward ministry space by helping people belong, making disciples, and giving the next generation meaningful opportunities to grow.

See the people who will use the space

A room can quickly become a list of things to manage. We think about chairs, equipment, schedules, and where everything belongs. Those details matter because they affect the people who gather there.

Walk through your space as if you were arriving for the first time. Would you know where to go? Would someone help you understand what happens next? Consider a parent bringing children, a person coming alone, or a volunteer beginning a new responsibility. Their experience can help us see what needs attention.

Hospitality becomes practical when we notice those needs and respond. Clear directions, a prepared room, and a person ready to help can make it easier for somebody to participate. Encourage the team to see the people their preparation is serving.

Connect the resource to the mission

In Matthew 28, Jesus sends His followers to make disciples. That mission helps us evaluate the way we use what has been entrusted to us. Space is useful as it supports people learning to follow Him.

Ask what is happening in the rooms we prepare. Are people able to build relationships, hear Scripture, ask questions, and take a next step? Are we making the work clearer for those who serve? These questions connect our practical decisions to the purpose they support.

A new opportunity may require an adjustment. We might need to improve a process, share a room, or rethink how a team works together. Explain the purpose when you ask people to change. Give them a chance to raise concerns and contribute useful ideas. Shared understanding helps people carry a transition with care.

Invest in the next generation

Psalm 145 describes one generation declaring God's works to another. That gives us a reason to think beyond the needs of the current moment. Children, students, and developing leaders should have a meaningful place in the life of the church.

Consider what they experience in our spaces and through our teams. Are they welcomed and taught with care? Do they have trustworthy people helping them grow? Are developing leaders given appropriate opportunities and support?

The investment includes both practical preparation and personal attention. A room can support ministry, and people carry that ministry through relationships. Pray for the next generation and take responsibility for the part of their experience you can help shape.

Lead this week

Walk through one ministry area with another leader. Name one thing that helps people belong and one thing that needs improvement. Choose a manageable action, identify who will carry it, and follow through. Stewardship becomes meaningful when the resources in our care serve the people God has placed around us.

Talk it through

Where might a newcomer struggle to participate? How does the way we use our space support discipleship and the next generation?

One next step

Improve one part of a person's arrival or participation experience before your next gathering.