

Through the Roof Academy

Workshop I: **Beginning and Growing a Disability Ministry** (Café 10:30am Thursday)

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- I. Scriptural mandate
 - a. Matthew 28:19
 - b. John 3:16
 - c. Luke 14:21-23
 - d. Psalm 139:13-16
 - e. John 9:1-3
- II. Statistics
 - a. Jesus mathematics
 - b. 49-54 million Americans with disabilities
 - c. 15% of families _____
 - d. Less than 11% of churches _____
 - e. over 80% of marriages _____
- III. Basis –Value People
 - a. How do you show someone you value them?
 - b. Recognize that they are worthy of salvation
 - c. Don't make disability "special" –do what they need
- IV. Family Perspective
 - a. Understanding the life of a parent raising a child with a disability
 - b. Without God's perspective
- V. Myths and Truths
 - a. You need a lot of money.
 - b. You need a lot of space.
 - c. You can't get volunteers
 - d. You need a whole new curriculum and teachers.
 - e. People with disabilities will be a burden on your church and will not add any value.
- VI. Overview of how to start a DM
 - a. Details in Workshop II: Buddy/Classroom Connection
 - b. Details in Workshop III: Preparing the Heart of the Church to Welcome All
 - c. Details in Workshop IV: Tools and Resources for your Disability Ministry
- VII. Recognize that you are working on the eternal.