



# **Strengthening Families**

Process Session, Team-UP 2012



# Objectives

- Evaluate (15 minutes)
  - Honest assessment
  - If you do what you've always done, you get what you've always gotten
- Strategize (15 minutes)
  - In what ways can we improve
  - What changes (philosophical changes) need to occur
- Implementation (25 minutes)
  - How and when will we implement
  - SMART Goals
- Accountability & Celebration (20 minutes)



# Evaluate-15 minutes

- Present Ministries (Men/Women/Youth/Children/Senior)
  - Silo or Team focused? Give examples
- Intergenerational participation: ministry across the generations, from one generation to another. Examples?
- In what ways does our church involve parents in the worship experience by empowering them to be the spiritual leaders (priests) of their family? Give examples
- Does our congregation intentionally protect the sanctity of our pastor's home/family? In what ways?
- Would the current climate of our church suggest that families exist for the church or that the church exists for families? Give examples



# Strategize-15 minutes

- What areas need to be addressed in order to make our church more family friendly?
- What practical helps can local ministries offer to assist families in taking advantage of the natural opportunities for the spiritual training of their children? *The Shema*
  - Sit at home; walk; lie down; get up
- In what ways can the church help equip parents to engage in “the conversation behind the wall”; empowering parents to effectively counter Moralistic Therapeutic Deism?
- What worship experience opportunities can we provide parents empowering them to be the spiritual leaders of their family? What might that look like?
- How do we educate and equip parents in view of the 3,000/40 principle?
- How can our church become more pastoral family supportive?



# Implement-25 minutes

- “There are two principal things a leader can influence when it comes to producing results: your *strategy* (or plan) and your ability to *execute* that strategy.”
  - Chris McChensey , Sean Covey & Jim Huling, *The 4 Disciplines of Execution*, (New York: Free Press, 2012: xxiii)
- As leaders, which do we struggle with more?
  - Creating strategy?
  - Executing strategy?

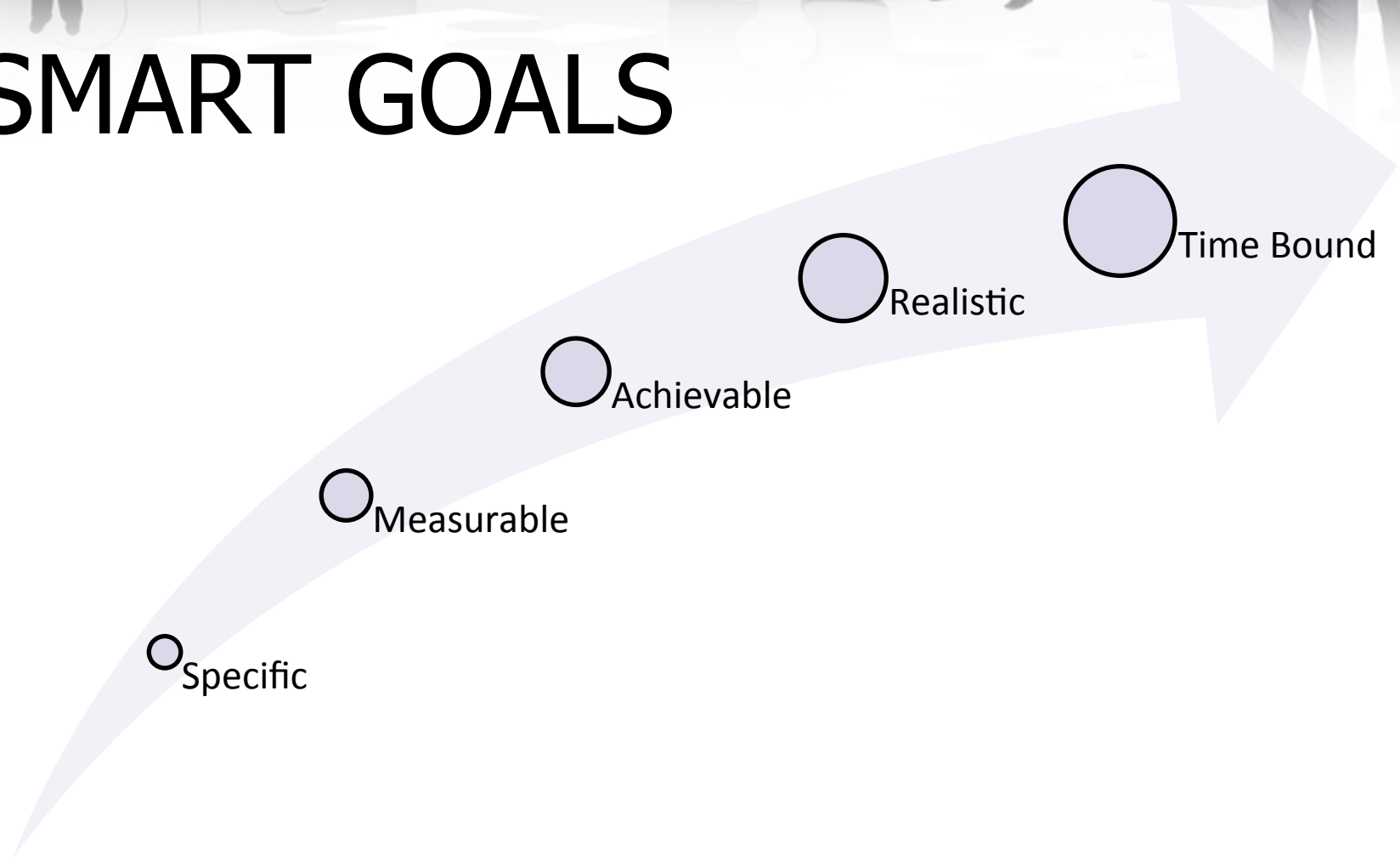


# SMART Goals

- **SPECIFIC:** A specific goal has a much greater chance of being accomplished than a general goal.
- **MEASURABLE:** Establish concrete criteria for measuring progress toward the attainment of each goal you set.
- **ATTAINABLE:** When you identify goals that are most important to you, you begin to figure out ways you can make them come true.
- **REALISTIC:** To be realistic, a goal must represent an objective toward which you are both willing and able to work. A goal can be both high and realistic.
- **TIMELY:** A goal should be grounded within a time frame. With no time frame tied to it there's no sense of urgency.



# SMART GOALS



○ Specific

○ Measurable

○ Achievable

○ Realistic

○ Time Bound



# Accountability & Celebration

## 20 minutes

- Your Story