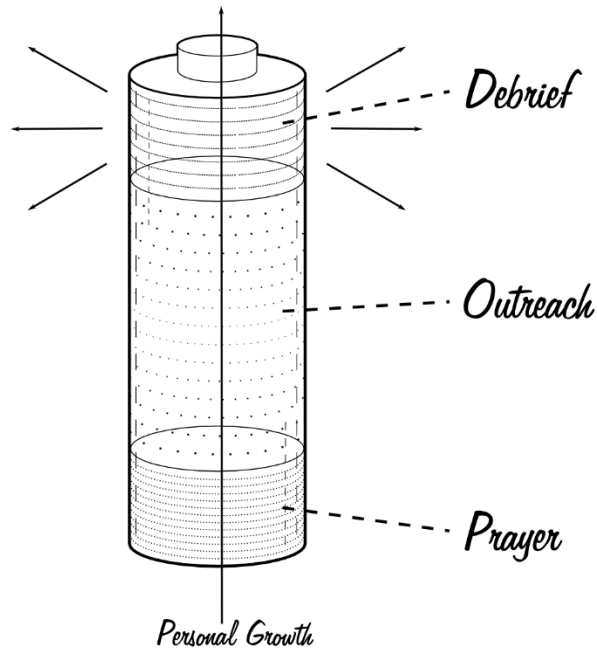


# Powering our Ministry

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event days  
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It's the day of the outreach event. Whether this is a service project, evangelistic presentation or some other ministry gathering, we always have dual objectives that work in parallel. The event itself has its intended activities that we hope to accomplish, but throughout that process we also intend to use every event as a discipleship opportunity. To this end, events need planned with two elements bracketing them – Prayer and Debrief.

*Prayer* – Discipleship happens when we connect the values of God's Kingdom to our lifestyle, actions and attitudes allowing them to transform us, more and more, into the likeness of Christ. We need to go into events with a sensitivity to God's perspective and values or else we may accomplish all of the event goals and miss out on all of the discipleship opportunities. To that end, opening in prayer, especially prayer that praises God's character and petitions Him for His will to be accomplished in specific ways during the event, can help tune our minds to look for and notice God at work in our midst.

*Debrief* – Having a source of power is of no use if you don't plug anything into it. Debrief is when we make connections between what God did or revealed during the event and what that means for our lives. This is more than simply a performance evaluation; this is a teaching moment to help everyone that helped with the event grow spiritually by encountering God's truth in God's service. Listen to the discussion during debrief with an ear for, "What does this reveal about God's Kingdom?" and highlight those elements that answer the question. Wrap up your debrief time in prayer that gives God the credit for the event and praises Him for what we saw of His heart.

