THE MISSION OF JESUS

“TO SEEK & SAVE THE LOST”

IF WE COULD FREEZE THE WORLD POPULATION, IT WOULD TAKE 4,000 YEARS TO EVANGELIZE THE WORLD AT OUR PRESENT RATE OF EVANGELISM
THOUGHT QUESTION

WHAT’S THE BEST WAY TO INCREASE THE PACE OF EVANGELISM?

Population in U.S. & Canada: 354 Million

Church attendance is DECLINING

Less than 17% Regularly Attend Church

United States is 3rd Largest Nation in the world

CHURCH GROWTH is losing ground to population GROWTH

Only an estimated 11% of the population will attend church by 2050

Largest MISSION FIELD in the western hemisphere
KEY QUESTION

HOW CAN WE REVERSE THIS TREND?

SEQUOIA TREE

- Largest living thing in the world
- Attracts thousands of people
- Limited capacity to reproduce
APPLE TREE

• A smaller tree
• People come to harvest its fruit
• High capacity for reproduction

BIBLICAL CONVICTIONS

Whatever God is going to do in the world, He’s primarily going to do **through** Christ’s people

Leaders **equip** – the goal is to empower & release people

What God is going to do in the world will happen primarily through **relationships**, not programs
PERSONAL INTERACTION

THE CORE OF GOD’S MISSION

WE NEED TO HELP PEOPLE

• Engage in Gospel conversations
• Make Gospel presentations
HOW RADICALLY ORDINARY HOSPITALITY CAN CHANGE A LIFE

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfYibfY6fQk

RE-FOCUS THE INVITATION

• Invite people to church
• Invite people to your home
DISCUSSION
WHAT HINDERS YOU?

What keeps you from engaging with lost people?

Brainstorm a list

Write on chart

Move around room
Check the one that resonates most with you

WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANT TO DO?

Go on a diet?

Change your lifestyle?
WE DON’T NEED ANOTHER APP

WE NEED A NEW OPERATING SYSTEM

“LIVING WITH AN AWARENESS OF YOUR MISSION”

MISSIONAL LIVING
YOUR CALENDAR

• How do you determine what goes on your calendar?
  (1 minute to share & flip)

• How do you determine who goes on your calendar?

BRAINSTORM

How can you integrate building relationships with people outside of the church into your current schedule or activities?
(List specific ideas)
KEY POINT

NOT ASKING YOU TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT, BUT TO DO SOMETHING MORE INTENTIONAL.

WE MUST ENGAGE

Posture yourself to be available

What will you do this week?
INTEGRATE OUTREACH INTO YOUR REGULAR ACTIVITIES

• Meals
• Sports
• Social activities
• Third Spaces

FRONT YARD MINISTRY

We must get out of our backyards

Be visible

Engage with neighbors
IN THE CHURCH

Build a culture of outreach

- Model it
- Sermons (texts & illustrations)
- Language (Christianese)
- Testimonies
- Interviews
- Baptisms (celebrate it)
- De-program
- Change your Metrics

• Prayers for lost people
• Time invested with lost people
• Lost people in homes
• Stories listened to
• Stories shared
• Tools shared
• Gospel shared
• Lost people invited to take a next step
• Adults baptized
GOSPEL CONVERSATION
(GOSPEL PRESENTATION)

KEY SKILL
How do we transition from Gospel **PRESENCE** to Gospel **CONVERSATION**?

KEY PROCESS
- Listen
- Learn
- Love
Listen

Don’t correct their story

Respect their journey – seek to understand it

They are opening the door to the living room of their soul

This is NOT the time to re-arrange the furniture

This IS a time to understand what’s in their heart
LEARN

ASK FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS

• What was that like?
• What was hardest for you?
• How did that make you feel?
• How did that impact you?
• What do you think about that now?

LOVE

DISCERN HOW TO BEST CONNECT YOUR STORY WITH THEIR STORY SO THEY CAN SEE HOW GOD CHANGED YOUR STORY
1. **BC** – What was your life like **BEFORE** Jesus?
   a. What was **defining** you?
   b. How did you **feel** about yourself?
   c. What was the primary **issue** you were wrestling with?

2. **AD** – How did Jesus **change** your life?
   a. What is **different** now?
   b. How has your **perspective** changed?
   c. How are you **dealing** with that issue?
   d. What are you **learning**?
TELLING YOUR STORY

- Be transparent
- Don’t “Christianize” it
- Don’t “sanitize” it
- It’s okay to admit that it’s still a struggle
- Think about the blind man in John 9

“All I know is…”

TELLING YOUR STORY

3. DEFINING MOMENT
   a. This is how, when, where God intervened in your life
      1) I was listening to…
      2) I was reading…
      3) A friend shared with me
      4) I just cried out to God for help
3. DEFINING MOMENT
   a. This is how, when, where God intervened in your life
   b. This is what I prayed…
   c. This is the Bible verse God used…
   d. This is how God resolved the crisis

My Story
   • BC
   • AD
   • Defining Moment
CROSSOVER TO B.L.E.S.S. OTHERS

01 Begin w/ prayer
02 Listen
03 Eat
04 Serve
05 Share
TOOLS

SFA – Spiritual Formation Assessment

MAP – Ministry Area Profile

My Circle Training

HMS – Heart Mind Soul Seminars

Chrono Bible Studies