

# “Living in Missional Community”

Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a flexible guide that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God’s Word.

## Message Summary

Once the Jerusalem Council settled the issue of Gentile salvation they sent Paul and Barnabas back to Antioch along with Judas and Silas to share the exciting news! The church rejoiced over the encouragement of the letter and continued to live as a community of disciples who made disciples.

As people were equipped for ministry, Paul and Barnabas saw it necessary to return to the mission field to visit those who had turned to Christ on their first journey. As they made plans, however, Paul and Barnabas disagreed over taking John Mark with them. Even though Paul and Barnabas disagreed and ultimately parted ways over their disagreement, God used it to multiply their efforts. Barnabas and John Mark went to Cyprus and Paul chose Silas to go to all the other cities. So God used their disagreement to send out two mission teams rather than one.

Paul and Silas returned to Derbe and Lystra where they found a young man named Timothy. Paul saw God’s hand on Timothy and wanted to take him along with them on their missionary journey. Prior to doing so, however, Paul circumcised Timothy. Paul’s decision to circumcise Timothy wasn’t made because he was concerned for Timothy’s salvation but rather because he wanted Timothy to be accepted by the Jews they would visit and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those who shared Timothy’s Jewish heritage.

Each of these paragraphs highlight various aspects of what it means to live in Missional Community. The church at Antioch gathered and scattered in their normal rhythms of life. They prioritized multiplying the mission over just maintaining the status quo. And they planned their lives around the mission rather than trying to do mission in the cracks and crevices of free space in their daily lives. Can this be said of your Missional Community? Are you gathering and scattering in the normal rhythms of life? Are you prioritizing multiplication over maintaining? Are you planning your life around advancing the Gospel or are you trying to find time to accomplish the mission in your busy schedule of life?

These questions will be addressed as we gather this week and watch a video produced by SOMA titled “How to Form a Missional Community.” This video gives a practical overview of the characteristics and practices of a Missional Community. Following the video we will discuss and examine how we might apply these characteristics and practices to our lives and Missional Communities. As you prepare yourself to meet with your Missional Community this week ask God to prepare your heart and transform your life by the power of the Gospel.

## Message Outline

Living in Missional Community requires:

### 1. Missional Practices (30-35)

Gather to

Worship.

Encourage.

Strengthen.

Teach.

Scatter to preach.

Therefore, let’s gather & scatter in the normal rhythms of life.

### 2. Missional Priority (36-41)

Conflict is inevitable.

Resolution is valuable.

Multiplication is indispensable.

Therefore, let’s prioritize multiplying over maintaining.

### 3. Missional Plan (16:1-5)

Ministry effectiveness is based on how well you...

Engage your ministry context. (1 Corinthians 9:20)

Embrace your ministry culture.

Therefore, let’s plan our lives around the mission not the mission around our lives.

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## Group Discussion (video application)

Watch the video titled “How to Form a Missional Community.” Use the Listening Guide below as you watch the video and then spend some time making application by answering the following questions as a group.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Leadership
2. Build on \_\_\_\_\_ Foundation

4 Key aspects:

- 1) Gospel \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Gospel \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Gospel \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Gospel \_\_\_\_\_

3. Gospel \_\_\_\_\_
4. Clearly defined \_\_\_\_\_
5. Adjust our \_\_\_\_\_

Keep in mind:

- 1) Weekly \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of culture
- 3) Where \_\_\_\_\_ who are in this context \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Think through the forming of \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel
7. Stay connected to a \_\_\_\_\_
8. Plan for \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_ New Missional Communities
10. Equipping \_\_\_\_\_

1. Which one of these areas discussed does your MC most desperately need right now?
2. What pathway will you take to begin to engage in one of these? What are you going to do next to address that issue?
3. If you were to live that out faithfully, what could you imagine your group would be like, if you actually began to live that out better?

## Weekly Prayer Focus

- **Church:**  
Development of Missional Communities
- **Local:**  
Practicing hospitality in our communities.
- **Global:**  
Bill & Sandy Younger, Good Shepherd Ministries, Milot, Haiti
  - Shepherd’s Care (Hospital) construction in Savane Carree.
  - Financial & School needs in each town (Milot, Biclaire, Savane Carree).