



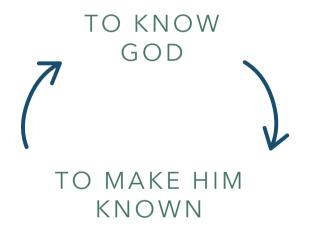
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BEYOND THESE WALLS 5 STEPS TO LIVING ON MISSION

WHY WE LIVE ON MISSION

Because God so loved us, we are compelled to share his love with our words and actions to those around us. God is on mission and invites us to join Him to experience his love, compassion, and power. He wants us in the action, walking in his kingdom purposes, not watching from the sidelines.

With all of the needs around us in our city and world, we will not be able to do everything. Yet, God has a kingdom calling for all of us and invites each one of us to do something. The goal is not to add a lot of new things to your plate, but to integrate missional living into your everyday lives and adopt a missional focus in your life.



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1. KINGDOM PRAYER

Tim Keller in his book, <u>Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God</u>, explores two types of prayer: communion prayer and kingdom prayer. Communion prayer consists of prayers of worship, abiding in God, and being content in him in all circumstances. Kingdom prayer is outward prayer and intercession.

Both are very important, but kingdom prayer is vital to helping you think outside of yourself. Kingdom prayer operates from the belief that God can transform and change things, that He is powerful, able to soften the hardest of hearts, bring healing, provision, justice, and establish his kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

SCRIPTURES John 15:7-8 and Acts 13:1-3

PRAY

1) Pray for the people God brings to mind and intercede for them. It could be people you know who don't know Christ, your neighbors or co-workers you are reaching out to, justice issues in our city or country, unreached people groups, etc.

2) Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you on mission. Pray for a willing heart like Isaiah, who said, "Here I am, send me!".

ACTION STEP

- Option 1: Prayer Walk (ideally in pairs).
- Option 2: Give yourself to 10 min of kingdom prayer per day. You can utilize the prayer guides or use your own prayer list.

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2. EXPLORE MISSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AROUND YOU

Consider how God is already moving and join him. You don't have to reinvent the wheel or create a new ministry from scratch. CA is already a part of some amazing kingdom efforts in our city. Our involvement includes outreaches on school campuses, mentoring at-risk youth, foster care, combatting human trafficking and homelessness, church planting, and cross-cultural ministry to the nations.

In focusing on the needs around you, what is touching your heart? Assess the felt needs and assets in your neighborhood and in your relational networks.

God has put loved ones around us that we might minister to them. Consider our own spheres of influence: family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. How can we share the love of Jesus with them as well?

SCRIPTURES Matthew 9:35-38

REFLECT AND SHARE

When Jesus saw the crowds, he saw their need and had compassion on them. When you see people and the needs around you, who/what do you have compassion for? What kingdom efforts are you passionate about

How would you describe your sphere of influence?

ACTION STEP

Reflect on your passions/gifts/sphere of influence and what missional opportunities would be the best fit for you to start with. Then take one action step and do it.

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3. BUILD A RHYTHM OF SERVICE

After you explore the many missional opportunities around you, you will quickly realize that you won't be able to do everything. It is important to learn the passions, gifts, and spheres of influence to help determine where to serve.

Serving is not for us to feel better about ourselves, but to truly help others in their need. That is why it is important to take a humble, relational approach. Ask good questions and engage as a learner. God wants to teach you as well through relationships with those you are serving.

SCRIPTURES Mark 10:35-45

REFLECT AND SHARE

How does service produce growth in you as a disciple of Christ? Share an experience where you were able to grow in your relationship with God and others through service.

ACTION STEP

Look at the other 2023 outreach events and ongoing outreach efforts and get involved. Go to cachurch.com/kingdom for more info and to register



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4. LIVE A KINGDOM LIFESTYLE

One-time service events are important, but what is more important is how each person is living out their kingdom calling where God has placed them in an ongoing manner. Our kingdom value is to be expressed as a kingdom lifestyle where we work, live, and play.

If you do an outreach event for 1 hour a week, that means that less than 1% of your time is going towards intentional outreach. However, if you live as an ambassador of Christ wherever you go (where you live, work, and play), you will have much more impact.

Here are some ways to live a kingdom a lifestyle:

- Be a disciple who makes disciples
- Relational evangelism
- Acts of compassion, justice, and generosity
- Live missionally at work, in your neighborhood, and in your relationships
- Living out the kingdom value in your life group

SCRIPTURES 2 Corinthians 5:20, Ephesians 2:10, and 1 Corinthians 10:31

REFLECT AND SHARE

What could living a kingdom lifestyle look like for you in this season of your life? (consider spaces of where you work, live, and play)

ACTION STEP

Write out how you see yourself living a kingdom lifestyle in this season of your life in about half a page. Be specific, consider your context/life situation, work, and have faith. Develop an action plan for next steps this year.

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5. INVITE OTHERS INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD

As you are living a kingdom lifestyle and reaching out to people, start inviting people to church and to your life group.

The way Christians love one another and cares for each other's needs is one of your most important witnesses to outsiders. People deeply desire and need to see the real thing. Sometimes people need to belong before they believe.

SCRIPTURES Acts 2:42-47 and John 13:34-35

REFLECT AND SHARE

Who are some people that you are in relationship with that you could invite to church or to your life group?

ACTION STEP

Follow through on inviting the new people you discussed to a church service or your life group

