

LT2 Module 4 - Mission in Small Group

Video Outline and Notes

Introduction:

Our mission is to develop a community of disciples who experience God, love one another, and partner with Christ to heal the world. This mission statement includes five purposes for our church. We call these the 5 “M”s. They are: Membership, Maturity, Meeting God, Ministry, and Mission. Before we address the process of working out “mission” in our small groups, it is important to see where we get it from. It first comes from God’s mission to rescue us and change the world we live in.

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” - Romans 5:8.

God’s love came first. Before we think about how we can love the world, we remember that God’s love came first. God’s mission started way before we came along. Way before we wanted to be in relationship with Him, he was and is pursuing us.

Outline -

- I. The Mission Model of ***Jesus***.
 - a. Invite and share. “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” - Luke 4:18-19
 - b. Commit and plan for the long haul. “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” - Matthew 28:19-20
- II. “***Our part***” in the Mission.
 - a. We actively ***share*** what we’ve received and ***invite*** others into it. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

b. Doing **mission** as a small group can look a lot of *different ways*.

III. How do I **start** doing mission?

a. We start with **prayer**. "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing." - John 5:19-20

b. Ask valuable **missional questions**:

1. What needs are you seeing that move your heart? What makes you weep?

2. What makes you say, "This shouldn't be?"

3. What gifts does your small group uniquely have that could bless a specific community or part of town?

c. **Choose** where you and your group want to focus their energy.

d. **Commit** to what you've picked!

e. Find someone in your group to **plan** the activity.

f. Have the **long view** of **relationships** in mind.

g. Be **consistent**.

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Websites & Books

Opportunities to Serve through Vineyard Columbus

<http://www.vineyardcolumbus.org/ministries/urban-ministry/serve-lead/>

This is a link to Vineyard Columbus' Urban Ministry where you can find information to serve at one of our food pantries, homeless outreach, prison ministry, nursing home outreach, and many other opportunities.

Hands on Central Ohio – Non-Profit & Website

<http://www.volunteercentralohio.org>

This link is to a quite comprehensive volunteer website for Central Ohio where you can search very specifically for ways that your group can serve together one time or on a consistent basis.

“HandsOn Central Ohio is a multi-faceted organization, with a diversity of programs connecting those in need to resources, and *pairing available volunteers to the nonprofit sector.*”

The Art of Neighboring – Website & Book

<http://artofneighboring.com>

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Art-Neighboring-Building-Relationships/dp/080101459X>

A great book and website full of resources on how to begin to get to know your actual neighbors and to serve your neighborhood well.

“In the spring of 2010, twenty-one churches in the metro Denver area came together for a shared sermon series centered on neighboring. Our goal was to challenge the people in our congregations to be intentional in relationships with their literal neighbors.

Our hope is that the people who are a part of this movement will move from strangers to acquaintances, then from acquaintances to relationship with the people who live closest to them.

If you are interested in starting a neighboring movement in your community, or if you would just like more information about what we're doing, please visit the resources section of the website.”