

Life On Mission - Week 3 Handout

Week 2 Review

Evangelism is the Same Thing as Discipleship

People of Peace

A Person of Peace...

1. Welcomes You
2. Provides for You
3. Receives from You

FINDING People of Peace requires

- A. Surrendered Sentness
- B. Mutual Submission
- C. Listening & Seeing as Jesus
- D. Willing to Risk meeting people of UNpeace

Table Discussion

1. What's your reaction to the People of Peace concept? What's helpful or remains confusing about People of Peace?
2. Which of (these final) 4 elements of being a Person of Peace ourselves is most challenging for you? Which is most encouraging? Why?

Rhythms of Making Space for Others

Mission = _____

Christian Hospitality refers to having _____ ourselves - cultivating a life with _____ and _____ - and then _____ others into it.

Examples of other ways to open up space for others

- a. Make space based upon the life stage of your family
- b. _____ with discussion
- c. Neighborhood _____ with prayer and/or openness
- d. Be present & cultivate relationships in a _____
- e. Become a _____ somewhere
- f. Be _____ with neighbors
- g. Seek to _____ rather than phone scroll
- h. Reconnect with a _____

Table Discussion

3. What stands out to you about this?
4. BRAINSTORM: How can you bring missional intentionality to your rhythms? Don't create a new event, necessarily, but think about how you can more intentionally make room for others to rub shoulders with you in your everyday rhythms.

The Fluidity of Life On Mission

How St. Paul Discerned Mission

Acts 13:44-48 (NIV)

⁴⁴ On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. ⁴⁵ When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy. They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him.

⁴⁶ Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: “We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷ For this is what the Lord has commanded us:

“I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”

⁴⁸ When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

Acts 16:6-10 (NIV)

⁶ Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. ⁷ When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of

Jesus would not allow them to. ⁸ So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. ⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Acts 19:8-12 (NIV)

⁸ Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God. ⁹ But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. ¹⁰ This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.

¹¹ God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, ¹² so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.

In the 21st Century

- Seek to be a consistent presence in one place,
- start cultivating relationships,
- and look for people of peace.

A 21st Century example

Table Discussion

5. What you think about the idea of Life On Mission being a fluid process of Discernment, as seen in the life of Paul?
6. And what do you make of the examples of Ben’s church plant ministering at the Women’s & Children’s shelter and then shifting their attention elsewhere? Does it seem consistent with the Gravity principles for Life On Mission we’ve been looking at thus far? Does it spark something for you? Or is there anything that concerns you or feels problematic about it?

Summary Thoughts

- Life on Mission isn’t _____, it’s _____ in his _____.
- Life On Mission is beginning to live in the kingdom of God now. It’s moving toward new creation today. It’s following Jesus into a new way of living, a new way of being human.
- Life On Mission is learning to pay attention to what God is doing in your family, your neighborhood, your relationships at work, in the church.
- Life On Mission means every part of our life getting caught up in God’s life and activity here and now. It’s what we were made for!

Start doing something and pay attention ☺