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STEP INTO THE MISSION OF GOD

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## **A Note From Pastor Mike**

God is a God of relationship, mission, and renewal and all throughout scripture we see God drawing people to himself and sending them out on mission.<sup>1</sup> In 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21 Paul explains that anyone in Christ is a new creation and an ambassador for God and then calls for all people to be reconciled to God. God desires new life, renewal, and for his people to be people who live on mission.

Over the last ten years, Clovercrest Baptist Church (CBC) has demonstrated glimpses and seasons of micro-renewal but it has not been sustained or witnessed across the entire church community. Therefore, we have developed a resource guide to help all of us engage and participate in the mission of God. A special focus for this guide has been given to the rapid spread of the gospel in the Majority World church in recent years and the growth and development of the Early Church. The guide specifically focuses on simple, accessible, memorable, and reproducible missional practices that grow disciples that multiply. As you engage in this guide and live out its intent, it is my prayer you experience joy and full life as you partner with God on his mission of restoring and renewing all things.

I want to thank the small team from Clovercrest Baptist Church (CBC) for their willingness to pray, explore, engage and discern missional practices that are close to God's heart for the western church.

Every blessing,  
Mike Stevens

## First Things First: The Mission of God

*"It is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world, as that God has a church for his mission in the world. Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission – God's mission."* Christopher Wright<sup>2</sup>

### Description:

- David Bosch states that mission "refers primarily to the *missio Dei* (God's mission), that is, God's self-revelation as the One who loves the world, God's involvement in and with the world, the nature and activity of God, which embraces both the church and the world, and in which the church is privileged to participate. *Missio Dei* enunciates the good news that God is a God-for-people."<sup>3</sup> Missiologist Darrell Guder states, "we have come to see that mission is not merely an activity of the church. Rather, the mission is the result of God's initiative, rooted in the purpose to restore and heal creation. Mission means 'sending', and it is a central biblical theme describing the purpose of God's action in human history."<sup>4</sup> God is a God who saves, calls, and sends for his Kingdom purposes. God's focus for humanity is the *missio Dei* and missional renewal – since the beginning of time, God has drawn people to himself, saved them, and brought them into a new life, and now we have the privilege of participating with God in this process.

### Bible:

- Passages to explore are Genesis 12: 1-3, Ezekiel 37: 1-14, Isaiah 43: 18-19, Luke 4: 16-19, John 20: 21-22, Matthew 28: 18-20, Acts 1: 8, Colossians 1: 15-23, 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

### Reflection Questions:

- What stands out to you in these passages about God and his mission?
- How are you challenged today to participate in a deeper way with God's mission?
- What are the barriers in the western church today in regards to living out the *missio Dei*?

### Living the Practice:

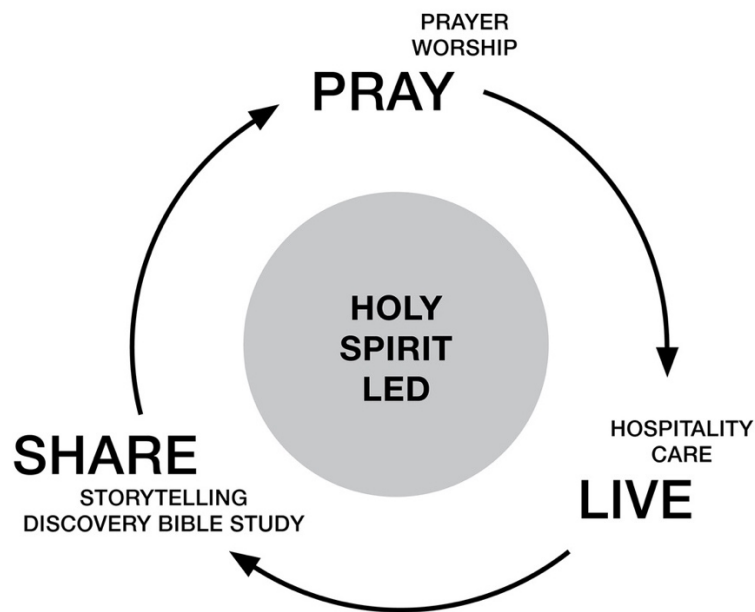
- Mission involves the proclamation of Jesus as Lord and Saviour, known as evangelism.<sup>5</sup> However, it is also much broader than proclamation. Bosch states, "mission is God's turning to the world in respect of creation, care, redemption, and consummation. It takes place in ordinary human history, not exclusively in and through the church."<sup>6</sup>
  - This identifies the wide breadth of God's mission, from human salvation to the care of the environment, highlighting God's love for all his created order. How can we further participate with God in his mission in this way?

### Next steps Further Engagement:

- God's heart and desire is clear that all people be in relationship with him. This is a challenging situation for the modern-day Western church. This is because the Western church is in decline, however, the church in the Majority World is thriving. Soon-Chan Rah explains, "by 2050, African, Asian and Latin American Christians will constitute 71% of the world's Christian population...contrary to popular opinion, the church is not declining."<sup>7</sup> Jerry Trousdale and Glenn Sunshine add to this by claiming that the Western church is declining due to Jesus' Kingdom being reduced to a metaphor, praying small prayers to an almighty God, keeping ordinary people ordinary and not transformative, choosing knowledge over obedience, and having a dependence on Christian institutions that cannot multiply.<sup>8</sup>
- So, the question is, how can we participate in the mission of God? What are the practices and type of lifestyle that will please God and facilitate renewal? This is the focus of the remainder of this resource guide.



## CBC Missional Practices Framework



Alan Kreider explores how patience combined with regular rhythms and behaviours, known as *habitus*, was important to the Early Church, being consistent over time and having everyday habits that pointed people to Jesus.<sup>9</sup> He states of the Early Church, “Christians concentrated on developing practices that contributed to a *habitus* that characterized both individual Christians and Christian communities. They believed that when *habitus* was healthy, the churches would grow”.<sup>10</sup>

Therefore, the missional practices framework for CBC, with a desire to grow a healthy *habitus*, involves being a people who pray, live, and share. The overarching missional practice is being led and empowered by the Holy Spirit. As we seek to live a life that pleases God, engaged in his mission, we will pray, live and share our faith as the Spirit leads.

## Overarching Missional Practice

### Being Led and Empowered by the Holy Spirit

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

*Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8)*

#### Description:

- Praying regularly to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to be led by the power of the Holy Spirit in mission is imperative. Churches that are growing in the Majority World and the Early Church had an emphasis on being empowered and led by the Spirit.<sup>11</sup>

#### Bible:

- Passages to explore are Acts 1: 1-11, Acts 2: 1-41, Acts 4: 23-31, Acts 8: 26-40, Acts 11: 19-30 and Acts 13: 1-4

#### Reflection Questions:

- What do the passages above teach us about being filled by the Holy Spirit?
- What do the above passages teach us about being led by the Holy Spirit when on mission and sharing our faith?
- How did God fill his people with the Holy Spirit?
- What are the barriers in the western church today in regards to being led and empowered by the Holy Spirit?

Early Church author Michael Green states, “the first Christians lived in total dependence on the Holy Spirit”<sup>12</sup>, and “people did not merely hear the gospel: they saw it in action, and were moved to respond. The Western Church has grown to dependant on words, and not nearly dependant enough on the power of the Holy Spirit”.<sup>13</sup>

- What does Green teach us about the emphasis of being led by the Holy Spirit to participate in the mission of God?

#### Living the Practice:

- Read Acts passages from this session
  - Acts 1: 1-11
  - Acts 2: 1-41
  - Acts 4: 23-31
  - Acts 8: 26-40
  - Acts 11: 19-30 and Acts 13: 1-4
- Pray ‘Lord what you have done, please do it again through me’ (Billy Graham’s prayer)
- Look for and listen to the Holy Spirit’s promptings each day this week and seek to obey and report back reflections with a trusted friend.

#### Next steps Further Engagement:

- Accessible Prophecy course at Clovie
- Clovie Prayer team





# Pray

PRACTICES OF  
PRAYER AND WORSHIP



## Prayer

*"To pray is to change. Prayer is the central avenue God uses to transform us."*<sup>14</sup>

*Richard Foster*

### Description:

- Mission begins with a posture of prayer and an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. Marjorie Thompson states, "prayer expresses our relationship with God."<sup>15</sup> Richard Foster adds to this by saying, "of all the spiritual disciplines prayer is most central because it ushers us into perpetual communion with the Father."<sup>16</sup> The practice of regular prayer, growing one's relationship with Jesus, both individually and corporately, is the foundation we see for missional living and growth of the Early Church and the Majority World church.<sup>17</sup>

### Bible:

- Passages to explore are Mark 1: 35-38, Luke 6: 12, Mark 6: 46, Matthew 26: 36-46, Acts 2: 42-47, Acts 4: 23-31, Acts 6: 4

### Reflection Questions:

- Constant communication with the Father was part of Jesus' rhythm and it appears through the gospels that one of Jesus' connection points was in nature (eg: mountainsides, lakes, grainfields, beaches, and gardens). What is your rhythm of prayer? How do you connect regularly with Jesus? Describe how this impacts your day-to-day life?
- Mike Breen says, *"Prayer was as fundamental an element in the life of Jesus as breathing. He inhaled His Father's presence so He could exhale His Father's will."*<sup>18</sup> What obedience steps for mission has Jesus impressed upon during times of prayer? Discuss.

### Missional Prayer Practices:<sup>19</sup>

- Prayer and Fasting – give up or surrender a certain 'appetite' and turn to God and pray
  - Fasting is quieting the distraction, it changes us as we seek God, realign with God's will and ways
  - Fast and pray for people who don't know Jesus to come to know Him

- Intercessory Prayer – seek God’s heart for the world
  - Intentionally ask God to break through into our world to complete His mission
- Breath Prayers – a simple prayer of a heartfelt desire before God
  - For example: Breathe in “Jesus”, breathe out “let me share you today” or “Come, Holy Spirit” or breathe in “Lord lead me”, breathe out “to share you with others”
  - Write a missional breath prayer below
- Prayer walking – walk and pray in particular places to align with Jesus' heart for the area
  - Walk the local neighborhood praying for your neighbors and the area
- Prayer Partners – to share the prayer journey in a supported accountable relationship
  - Share and pray regularly with a trusted friend

#### Living the Practice:

- Choose a practice from above and experiment with it during the week

#### Next steps Further Engagement:

- Who can you develop an accountable relationship with to commit to praying for people to come to know Jesus?
- Engage with a CBC Prayer meeting



## Worship

*"To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, and to devote the will to the purposes of God"*

*William Temple<sup>20</sup>*

### Description:

- "Human beings are made for worship."<sup>21</sup> A missional life begins with a posture of worship, linked with prayer and being led and empowered by the Holy Spirit. This is what cultivates an open heart to God and others and a willingness to live in obedience to God's missional call on our lives.

### Forms of Worship:

Worship can take many forms and "happens whenever we intentionally cherish God and value him above all else in life."<sup>22</sup> Five forms of worship that cultivate a missional lifestyle are:<sup>23</sup>

1. *Celebration* – to take joyful, passionate pleasure in God, his creation, and his will and ways. To identify and pursue these things that bring deep gladness and reveal them before the Lord. This may include spending time with others, sharing meals, serving, laughing, engaging in music, dancing, and so on.
  - Bible: Matthew 6: 25-34, Romans 12: 1-2 (MSG)
  - Question: where are you most prone to celebrate God? Alone? With others? In singing worship? In nature? Discuss.
2. *Singing Worship* – to honor and adore God through song, as the supreme over all things. This may include singing songs of praise and worship by yourself and also in a community of faith, intentionally seeking first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness (Matthew 6: 33).
  - Bible: John 4: 24, Acts 13: 2-3, Acts 16: 16-34
  - Question: what about God moves you to worship? How does worshipping alone and worshipping with others affect you? Discuss.
3. *Gratitude* – to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading and to live with a thankful heart, being appreciative for all his good gifts. This may include

prayers and songs that focus on God's generosity or intentionally noticing God's presence and gifts throughout the day or even keeping a gratitude journal thanking God for his goodness in your life.

- Philippians 4: 6, 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18
- Question: When have you found that in retrospect you could have been thankful for something that you were not grateful for at the time it was happening? How can this perspective inform your life now?

4. *Holy Communion* – the Lord's Supper focuses us on Jesus and his great sacrifice for all and God's restorative plans for all humankind. As we engage with the bread and juice, representing Jesus' body and blood, and examine ourselves, we engage in a form of worship.

- Bible: Mark 14: 22-24, Acts 2: 46-47
- Question: how does participating in communion focus you on God?

5. *Sabbath* – to set aside a day for rest and worship God by spending time with him and the people you love. This may include exercise, a phone call with someone you love, family time playing games, time walking and praying, intentionally letting go of things that stress you for 24 hours, and so on.

- Bible: Matthew 11: 28-30 (MSG), Mark 2: 27
- Question: how does taking a sabbath enhance your enjoyment and worship of God?

Living the Practice:

- Richard Foster states, "worship begins in holy expectancy, it ends in holy obedience. If worship does not propel us into greater obedience, it has not been worship."<sup>24</sup>
  - Which form of worship do you most gravitate to and why?
  - Which form of worship do you find challenging? Why?
  - How is God asking you to live in obedience to his mission as you worship him this week?

Next steps Further Engagement:

- Who can you develop an accountable relationship with to commit to worshipping God and seeking his will?





# Live

PRACTICES OF  
HOSPITALITY AND CARE



## Hospitality

*"A life of hospitality begins in worship, with a recognition of God's grace and generosity. Hospitality is not first a duty and responsibility; it is first a response of love and gratitude for God's love and welcome to us."*<sup>25</sup>

*Christine Pohl*

### Description:

- Living a generous life where we welcome the stranger, bring dignity to all people, and demonstrate kindness in our lives is a missional practice. In a time where people have become more individualized, hospitality, especially in our homes, is even more important as a missional practice. Hospitality was a key missional practice for the Early Church. The Early Church 'gossiped the Gospel' in homes and we would benefit today from learning from their example.<sup>26</sup> By examining the Early Church, Pohl explores how hospitality is cultivated by beginning with a grateful Spirit, telling stories, nurturing a lifelong habit, communicating to others a welcome, and making time for personal rest and renewal.<sup>27</sup>

### Bible:

- Passages to explore are Matthew 25: 31-46, Mark 12: 30-31, John 14: 1-3, Acts 2: 46-47, Romans 15: 7, Hebrews 13: 1-2 (MSG)

### Reflection Questions:<sup>28</sup>

- Who models hospitality and welcome for you? Discuss
- How do you feel about having guests come to visit your home?
- How might Jesus want to use your heart and home as a shelter for others?
- Graham Hill states, "Churches that practice hospitality are courageous communities. Generous people fill these churches."<sup>29</sup> What are some ways Clovie can develop in being a hospitable people?

### Living the Practice:

- Choose one of Adele Calhoun's hospitality exercises below and participate in it and reflect on it with a trusted friend:<sup>30</sup>
  - Remember a time you have been deeply welcomed and received. Recount the circumstances and the way people reached out to you. Picture where Jesus was in this event. Let God touch you again with his welcome and love.
  - Develop the practice of praying for the people you invite into your home.
  - Be spontaneous. Hold a "potluck" meal at your home. Invite people to bring a meal to share. Don't try and make it perfect. Focus on the guests.
  - Have a "leftovers gathering." Invite people to bring what they have in their fridge. See what kind of meal happens. Tell your guests the main purpose of the meal is to be together.
  - Develop a list of conversation-starting questions. Focus on bringing a welcome and embrace and not a comparison.
  - When guests arrive at your home, greet them with your whole heart. Be present with them. When they leave, thank them for their company and farewell them with full eye contact and a hug if appropriate.

### Next steps Further Engagement:

- Read Christine Pohl's book, *Making Room*, to discover more about how the Early Church lived out hospitality.

## Care

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

*Matthew 25:40*

### Description:

- Taking an interest in others' well-being, and demonstrating compassion to vulnerable people by visiting the poor, sick, elderly, and the prisoner is how the Early Church lived on mission and spread the Gospel. Being Spirit-led means praying and asking God to speak to us about who to care for, visit and share our lives and faith with.

### Bible:

- Passages to explore are Luke 4: 18-19, Luke 10: 25-37, Matthew 25: 31-46, Acts 9: 1-19, Acts 10: 24-47, Acts 18: 1-11

### Reflection Questions:

- What do the passages above teach us about caring for others and sharing our faith?
- Why do people not demonstrate care or visit others as much in our modern-day western culture?
- What is one thing you can do this week to take an interest in another person and seek to share your life and the gospel?

### Exploring the Early Church Writers:

- Rodney Stark argues that the Early church took Jesus' words literally and lived in such a way that they loved others unconditionally, showed mercy, and sacrificed their lives for the sake of God and others.<sup>31</sup> This created a community that others desired to be a part of. As Stark says, "the primary means of its (Christianity's) growth was through the united and motivated efforts of the growing numbers of Christian believers, who invited their friends, relatives, and neighbors to share the 'good news'."<sup>32</sup>
  - How can we take Jesus' words literally to demonstrate care to those in our neighborhood and relational world?



- Michael Green states, “evangelism of this direct personal nature was a feature of early Christian expansion. The apostles were always at it – Peter and John with a beggar near the Temple, Peter with a Roman officer in his house, Paul as a shipwrecked mariner talking to the chief man of the island about his Lord.”<sup>33</sup>
  - What is the place Jesus has planted you where you can care for others and share your faith?
  - How can we develop this as a church?

#### Living the Practice:

- In the next fortnight look for a way to demonstrate care to another person.

#### Next steps Further Engagement:

- Learn more about God’s compassion through the following Bible Project video <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/character-of-god-compassion/>
- Engage with practices of Care at Clovie:
  - Serve at Pathway Community Centre
  - Serve at Quench café
  - Enquire about COACH to be a friend with purpose to a disadvantaged family
  - Join the Welcome team or Pastoral Care team





# Share

PRACTICES OF  
STORYTELLING AND  
DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY



## Storytelling

*"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect"*

*1 Peter 3: 15*

### Description:

- The Early Church shared their stories of being saved by Jesus in their everyday lives – at home where they ‘gossiped the Gospel’, in the open air, and on neutral ground so that people listening could feel safe.<sup>34</sup> Reclaiming the art of telling your faith story in our modern-day context is a crucial missional practice for all believers to engage in.

### Bible:

- Passages to explore are:<sup>35</sup>
  - Sharing the Gospel in the home (Acts 10:22, 18:7, 28: 17ff)
  - Sharing the Gospel in the open air (Acts 2: 1-42, 5:12ff)
  - The use of neutral ground to share faith (Acts 17:16-34, 25:23ff, 28:1-10, 28:17)
  - Personal conversations, with an emphasis on asking people to commit to following Jesus, receive the Holy Spirit, and be baptized (Acts 8:26-40)

### Reflection Questions:

- Which Early church example from the above passages are you drawn to and why?
- Do you know your salvation story? Could you share it in less than 90 seconds?
- Why do people find it hard to share their faith / salvation story?
- Who is God asking you to share your faith story with this week? Discuss

### Living the Practice:

- How can we 'gossip the Gospel' like the Early Church?
  - Practice your 90-second salvation story
  - Pray for an opportunity to share your story with another person
  - Look over the conversation breakers and seek to integrate one of them into a conversation
- Explore the 3 circles approach of sharing faith at <https://lifeonmissionbook.com/conversation-guide>

Consider engaging in the following 'conversation breakers' where you can make a statement or ask a question to move the conversation into a more spiritual way:

- Have you ever considered where God might be in this?
- What does God/ faith/ spirituality look like to you? Why? What's changed for you? What would you need for that to change? Have you considered ...?
- Do you have faith?
- What do you think God wants from you?
- What does God mean to you?
- Do you pray?

### Next steps Further Engagement:

- Read Sam Chan's book, How to Talk about Jesus – a wonderful resource for helping people share faith in a relational way
- Read Doug Pollock's book, God Space – an excellent resource seeking to empower followers of Jesus to speak about God through natural conversations and relationships
- Engage with Alpha at CBC – invite a friend or become a leader

## Discovery Bible Study (DBS)

*"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."*

*Psalms 119:105*

### Description:

- The Early Church used literature, like the Gospels and Early Church letters, to share their faith. For the Gospel to spread today, being obedient and sharing the Bible with people, in a way they can engage with and understand is essential. The DBS process and questions provide an opportunity to do this in an increasingly biblically illiterate society.<sup>36</sup>

Watch this video <https://www.dbsguide.org> to learn how to do a DBS.

Follow the ABC of Discovery Bible Study:<sup>37</sup>

### **A = Ask (25%)**

Q. What can you be thankful for this week?

Q. What challenges do you face?

Q. How can we help others?

Q. (The 2nd time you meet together) How did we go applying or obeying our 'I Will' statements last week?

### **B = Bible (50%)**

Read the scripture & Re-read the scripture. Consider using multiple versions.

Then Re-Tell the scripture in your own words

Q. What does this tell us about God?

Q. What does this tell us about people?

Q. Is there something you like or dislike?

Q. Is there an example or command to follow?

### **C = Commit (25%)**

Q. How can I apply this, or How can I obey this? = 'I Will ....'

Q. Who can I share this with?

### Tips to Remember:

- The facilitator asks questions and doesn't try to teach and works hard to keep Christian language and presumptions out of the process.
- Allow people 'space' to discover for themselves and don't be afraid of silence.
- Stay in the passage. Don't wander... learn to dig deep.
- One person should not dominate... everyone should share.
- Focus on practically applying and obeying what is discovered.
- Rotate leadership: after a couple of times, let others facilitate.

### Potential Bible Passages for DBS:<sup>38</sup>

- God's Righteous Servant – Isaiah 53: 1-12
- Jesus is Born – Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-20
- Jesus is Baptized – Matthew 3; John 1:29-34
- Jesus is Tested – Matthew 4:1-11
- Jesus and the Samaritan Woman – John 4:1-26, 39-42
- Jesus and the Paralyzed Man – Luke 5:17-26
- Jesus Calms the Storm – Mark 4:35-41
- Jesus Raises a Man from the Dead – John 11:1-44
- Jesus Talks about His Betrayal and the Covenant – Matthew 26:17-30
- Jesus is Crucified – Luke 23:32-56
- Jesus is Resurrected – Luke 24:1-35
- Jesus Appears to the Disciples and Ascends to Heaven – Luke 24:36-53
- Enter into the Kingdom of God – John 3:1-21

### Living the Practice:

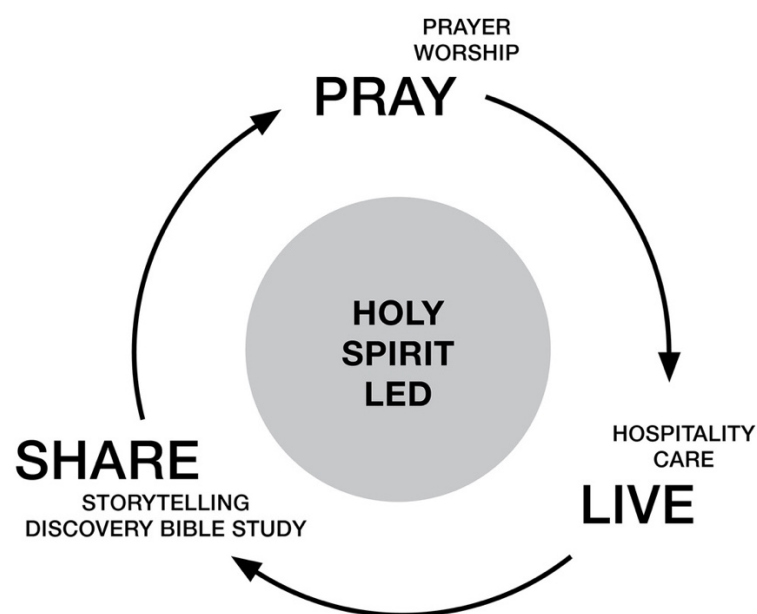
- Have a go at participating in or leading a DBS with your family, or with your Life group.

### Next steps Further Engagement:

- Go to <https://www.dbsguide.org> and <https://praxeis.org> to learn more about DBS and missional movements.

## Final Thoughts

The missional invitation from God is to live lives that PLS him! To be a person who prays, lives, and shares the gospel of Jesus Christ. To pray is to be a person of prayer and worship. To live is to be hospitable and care. To share is to know God's story, your salvation story and open up the living Word to bring people to Jesus. All the time, being led by the Holy Spirit. It is essential to be in a community and live out the Kingdom with supported, accountable relationships so that we can be focused on living lives that PLS God!



Keifert and Granberg-Michaelson sum up so beautifully both the price and prize of missional renewal with these words,

"The transformative, missional change so deeply needed by the church in our time, both local and global, will not come through quick fixes, catchy slogans, inspiring weekend speakers, and neat formulas wrapped in consulting fees. The change the church needs...comes slowly and patiently. It takes time, because culture is being changed. It takes practice, because new habits are being formed. And it takes trust, because a familiar, comfortable past must be left behind before the future can be fully discerned."<sup>39</sup>

This is both the invitation and challenge for us as followers of Jesus, to live out the mission of God in our everyday lives. Will you take up the challenge?



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