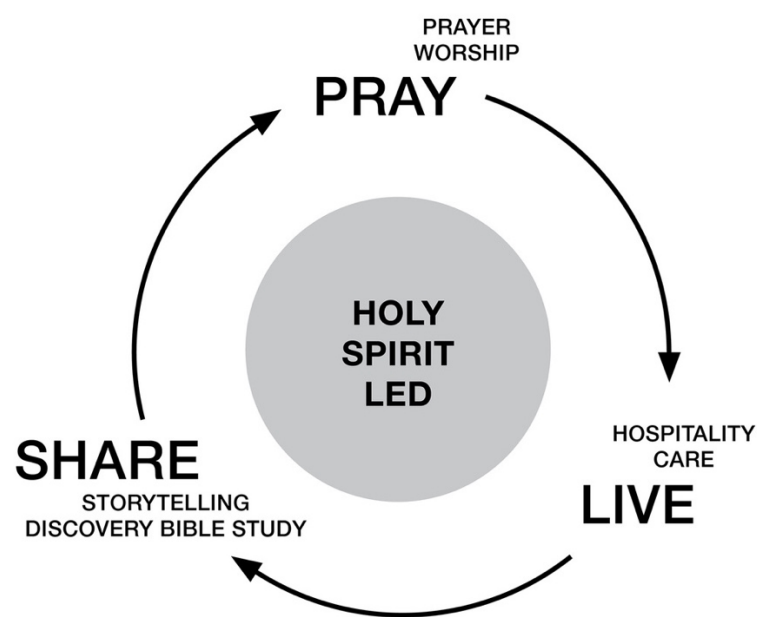


## Final Thoughts

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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## ENDNOTES

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- <sup>3</sup> David Bosch, *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission*, (New York: Orbis Books, 2020), 10.
- <sup>4</sup> Darrell Guder (Ed), *Missional Church: A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Publishing, 1998), 4.
- <sup>5</sup> Bosch, *Transforming Mission*, 11.
- <sup>6</sup> Bosch, *Transforming Mission*, 401.
- <sup>7</sup> Soong-Chan Rah, *The Next Evangelicalism: Freeing the Church from Western Cultural Captivity*, (Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP, 2009), 13-14.
- <sup>8</sup> Jerry Trousedale, and Glenn Sunshine, *The Kingdom Unleashed*, (Tennessee: DMM, 2018), 41, 59, 79, 101, 123.
- <sup>9</sup> Alan Kreider, *The Patient Ferment of the Early Church: The Improbable Rise of Christianity in the Roman Empire*, (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Academic, 2016), 39.
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- <sup>12</sup> Michael Green, *30 Years That Changed the World: A Fresh Look at the Book of Acts* (England: IVP, 2002), 284.
- <sup>13</sup> Michael Green, *Evangelism in the Early Church* (Rev Ed) (Grand Rapids, Michigan: William Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2003), 26.
- <sup>14</sup> Richard Foster, *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth* (UK, Hodder & Stoughton, 2008), 42.
- <sup>15</sup> Marjorie Thompson, *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life* (Kentucky, USA: Westminster John Knox Press, 2005), 33.
- <sup>16</sup> Foster, *Celebration of Discipline*, 42.
- <sup>17</sup> Trousedale and Sunshine, *The Kingdom Unleashed*, 303, 189. And, Kreider, *The Patient Ferment of the Early Church*, 122-123.
- <sup>18</sup> Mike Breen, *Building a Discipling Culture* (Pawleys Island, USA: 3dm, 2017), 68.
- <sup>19</sup> Adele Calhoun, *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices that Transform Us* (Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP, 2015), 231-289.
- <sup>20</sup> Thompson, *Soul Feast*, 58. And, Foster, *Celebration of Discipline*, 197. Bishop William Temple was the Archbishop of Canterbury (1942-1944) and had an emphasis in his ministry on worship and serving others, especially the disadvantaged. This quote is sourced to be from *Nature, Man and God* (1934).
- <sup>21</sup> Calhoun, *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook*, 27.
- <sup>22</sup> Calhoun, *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook*, 49.

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- <sup>23</sup> Calhoun, *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook*, 27-51.
- <sup>24</sup> Foster, *Celebration of Discipline*, 212.
- <sup>25</sup> Christine Pohl, *Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition* (Grand Rapids, Michigan: William Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1999), 172.
- <sup>26</sup> Green, *Evangelism in the Early Church*, 23-26.
- <sup>27</sup> Pohl, *Making Room*, 172-182.
- <sup>28</sup> Calhoun, *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook*, 162-163.
- <sup>29</sup> Hill, *Global Church*, 97-118, 105.
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- <sup>31</sup> Rodney Stark, *The Rise of Christianity: How the Obscure, Marginal Jesus Movement Became the Dominant Religious Force in the West in a few Centuries* (Harper Collins, 1997, 211.
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- <sup>33</sup> Green, *Evangelism in the Early Church*, 342.
- <sup>34</sup> Green, *Evangelism in the Early Church*, 23-26. And, Green, *30 Years That Changed the World*, 117-132.
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- <sup>37</sup> Praxeis. *8 Simple Questions*, <https://praxeis.org/8-simple-questions/>
- <sup>38</sup> David Watson, and Paul Watson, *DBS Guide*, <https://www.dbsguide.org>
- <sup>39</sup> Patrick Keifert and Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, *How Change Comes to Your Church: A Guidebook for Church Innovations* (Michigan, Eerdmans), 135-136.

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