



Missional Community Life Workshop

1. What Is A Disciple?

Discuss: In light of all we've learned together, how would you define a disciple of Jesus?

Titus 2.11-14: What has God done in Christ? Who is the church? What is the church doing?

Who is God? ->	What has He done? ->	Who are we? ->	How do we live?
Father	Adopted	Family	Love Him & love one another
Son	Ransomed	Servants	Submit to Him & serve others
Spirit	Sealed & Sent	Missionaries	Rely on Him & proclaim gospel

Disciple: one coming to know, believe, and live in light of Jesus & his work, and helping others to do the same

Know: to understand the gospel and all God is for us in Jesus (Who is God and what has He done?)

Believe: to repent and rejoice in Christ and be filled with the fullness of God (Who are we in the gospel?)

Live: to do the everyday stuff - our normal rhythms - with new power, purpose, and identity (How do we live?)

Dallas Willard: *One thing is sure: You are somebody's disciple. You learned how to live from somebody else. There are no exceptions to this rule, for human beings are just the kind of creatures that have to learn and keep learning from others how to live. A disciple of Jesus is not necessarily one devoted to doing specifically religious things [but one] learning from Jesus how to lead my life, my whole life, my real life.*

Discuss: In light of all this, review your definition of disciple. What might you add, clarify, or emphasize?

As you look at the know/believe/live paradigm, where do you personally need to grow into as a disciple?

What specific steps might you take to engage with God in those areas?

2. How Do Disciples Get Formed?

Discuss: How did Jesus make disciples? For a new identity & way of life to be shaped in us, what has to happen?

Life on Life: accessible and visible lives, not just classes or events, studies or books

Life in Community: not one-on-one but many on many speaking the truth in love and serving together

Life on Mission: disciple-making is learned in the context of disciple-making

Great Commission Christianity: Jesus, sent by the Father and filled with the Spirit, formed a community of discipleship around himself. The church in Acts, in obedience to the Great Commission and empowered by the Spirit, continued the pattern, forming communities of discipleship around the gospel of Jesus. We call this **missional community life**: a family of servant missionaries, committed to *grow as disciples* and *make disciples* in all of life.

Our Task: Everyday people fulfilling the Great Commission together in everyday ways - your life is the program!

Key Question: What needs to change if you are personally responsible for the Great Commission?

3. What Is Missional Community Life?

The Marks of Missional Community Life

Gospel Fluent Culture: *missional community is birthed and sustained by repentance & rejoicing in Jesus (fuel)*

Personal life evidences growing gospel awe: everything begins & is sustained by being gripped by grace

What is happening around you looks a lot like Gospel + Safety + Time = Transformation

Disciple-Making Mission: *missional community is formed for the sake of disciples making disciples (purpose)*

Don't gather because "it's the program" but because you desire to see people know & enjoy Jesus

Start gathering people and spending time eating, listening, recreating, storying in regular rhythms

Committed Community: *missional community is a people committed to life and mission together (context)*

Who's with you, hungry to cultivate together a gospel-centered community in everyday rhythms?

Who's with you on mission (shared opportunities)? Who encourages you in mission (mutual support)?

Gospel, Community, and Mission in Rhythm: Discipleship to Jesus is an everyday, all-of-life reality. As disciples, we want to live from the resources of the gospel of Jesus for the glory of Jesus in real life. We've taken the regular activities of life in every culture and asked how we might do them in light of the gospel and our gospel identities.

Rhythm	Key Postures	Family Adopted by Father	Missionaries Led by the Spirit	Servants Bought by Jesus
Eat	21+ opportunities weekly Hospitality: use your table Communion: use the Lord's Table			
Listen	Redemptive curiosity Ask the Spirit, "What's next?" How's the gospel good news?			
Story	Tell God's Story Tell your own story Hear the stories around you			
Bless	What have you been given? Who's feet can you wash? Open hearts & open homes			
Celebrate	Date Night & Family Night MC Family Dinner Birthdays, holidays, parties			
Recreate	Think workouts & kid sports Play and vacation together Create a weekly Sabbath			

4. How Will You Live Missional Community Life?

Living MC Life: the Great Commission means every disciple of Jesus living as a Family of Missionary Servants

Gospel Power: you are gripped by grace and increasingly fluent in the gospel

Gospel Purpose: you are reorienting everyday life for the sake of the Great Commission

Gospel Identity: your priorities evidence a commitment to being Family, Missionaries, and Servants

Gospel Rhythms: your gospel identity shows up in the regular rhythms of your everyday life

5 Practical Components of Missional Community Life

Family Meal: a weekly connection for remembering Jesus, sharing stories, serving & building relationship

Missional Living: creating regular space for not-yet-believers to be engaged relationally and consistently

Serving: regularly ways to serve together, bringing the resources of the kingdom to the needs around us

DNA: weekly time to dig into Scripture (discover), share our hearts (nurture), and walk out obedience (act)

Sunday Gathering: join the broader family for a time of renewal and recommissioning, and serve together

Your Ordinary Week: What are the **spaces** you have, and how will you **shape** them with gospel intentionality?

What meals will you share, and with whom? Think of both your gospel community and your neighbors.

How will you live as a servant in the place God has planted you? Include the various relational circles you're in.

When will you gather with your DNA group? Consider who will join you and what you'll study together.

What other weekly rhythms do you have? How can you infuse them with gospel intentionality?

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Morning	Gathering						
Midday							
Evening							

Steps Toward MC Life: In light of what we've learned today, what actions steps do you need to take?

5. How Do I Join the Soma Spokane Family?

Partnership with the Mission of the Soma Spokane Family

Gather: regular gathering and serving on Sundays as part of the Soma family and mission

Grow: a key way to be a disciple making disciples is regular rhythm of DNA - Disciple, Nurture, Act

Go: personal engagement in actively cultivating gospel community on mission - missional community life

Give: joyful generosity of time, talent, and treasure to the mission and ministry of Soma Spokane

6. What Is A Missional Community Leader?

Our Vision: To fill the Greater Spokane area with gospel communities so every person in our region is regularly exposed to the gospel in word and deed (gospel saturation)

Mission: Planting a network of gospel-driven communities fulfilling the Great Commission to make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey like Jesus in every area of life

Leading Missional Community Life: able to equip and send others to live missional community life

Our goal is every disciple living missional community life resulting in new missional communities planted

Leading MC is the fruit of living missional community over the long haul - leading from who you are in Christ

Missional Community Leaders are disciples of Jesus overseeing a community of discipleship to Jesus

Responsibilities of Missional Community Leaders

Personal Discipleship: a life of ongoing repentance & rejoicing, shaped by the word of God and prayer

Leading others in Discipleship: oversee the life & mission of a community of disciples (with shared leadership)

Equipping others in MC life: helping others to work out gospel identity in their own lives, sending new leaders

Ongoing Development as a Disciple-maker: Coaching, training, equipping through Soma (and beyond)

Key Postures of Missional Community Leaders (adapted from Brad Watson, Sent Together)

Gardener: "As a leader, you point to the gospel, speak the gospel, connect the gospel to people's stories, pray in light of the gospel, and call people to serve as demonstrations of the gospel..."

Example: "Leaders are a picture the community can look at as someone who is believing the gospel and walking in obedience. As a leader, you are inviting people to watch your life as you follow Jesus..."

Catalyst: "Leaders speak up and call God's people to the mission, to community, and, most of all, to belief in the gospel. A leader doesn't do all the tasks or come up with the strategy, structure, and execution alone..."

Steps From Living to Leading Missional Community

Cultivate community and mission in the everyday while connected to a functioning missional community

A weekly schedule that has both desire and intentional margin for community and mission

Taking increased leadership within a current MC: DNA, hosting, discussions, shepherding, mission, etc.

With your current MC, prayerfully discern preparedness and timing for launching a new missional community

Does your MC confirm that you are gripped by grace and able to point people to Jesus consistently?

Are there others in your MC who are committed to going with you as a Family on Mission?

Send new MC leadership teams rather than split groups that are getting too big