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# Introduction

## What if....?

What would it look like if every follower of Christ in a local congregation realized that God has placed them in the lives they live in, around the people they live with, for a purpose?

What would it look like if Christ followers also realized that purpose was to give those same people an opportunity to see the Gospel in action, to lovingly proclaim its message and give them a chance to respond?

**The heart behind the MyCircle Initiative is to help equip the people of God to participate in God's redemptive mission within the context of their daily lives and relationships, by helping them understand how to:**

- 1. Identify the network of relationships in the midst of which God has placed them; this is their circle.**
- 2. Meaningfully engage their circle through prayer and a tangible Gospel presence.**
- 3. Share their grace story as well as proclaim the Gospel to the people in their circle.**

Whether a person is a new believer or a life-long follower, MyCircle will help equip them by giving practical ways to live a life of mission and understand the theology behind it, all within an ongoing framework of accountability, encouragement and prayer. Participants will have their hearts moved, minds expanded and wills challenged to not be satisfied with missional inactivity.

## More than a training!

The MyCircle Training is designed to be just that...an initiative for the entire church. The goal is to work with local churches in establishing a comprehensive, corporate, small group, and family/individual follow-up strategy that assists and challenges the entire body to participate in God's redemptive mission.





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Session One:

# Foundations for Missional Living

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## Foundations for Missional Living

### Foundational Questions

Why should we engage in sharing the Gospel with people who do not know Christ?

- For the glory of God  
(Isaiah 12:3-6; Psalm 115:1; Romans 11:33-36; Ephesians 3:20-21)
- We are commanded to by our Lord.  
(*Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:44-49; John 20:21; Acts 1:8*)
- We are commanded by Him because people are in desperate need.  
(*2 Peter 3:1-13; Ephesians 2:1-3, 11-12; Romans 1 and 2*)

Who are the people God desires to use in His redemption mission?

- Every person who belongs to Jesus  
(*Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 3:10; 2 Corinthians 5:11-21; 1 Peter 2:9-12*)

### John 4:1-26

As Christ's people on mission with Him, we must be people that...

Do not allow any obstacle to hinder us from engaging people  
(*Hebrews 12:1-3*)

- Samaria
- Engaging a woman of ill repute
- "Wearied as He was from the journey"

Live with confidence

(*2 Corinthians 5:13-15; Acts 26:24-29; John 4:10, 13-14, 26*)

- In whom God has revealed Himself to be
- In the Gospel
- That God can and desires to work through us

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## Session One:

# Foundations for Missional Living cont'd

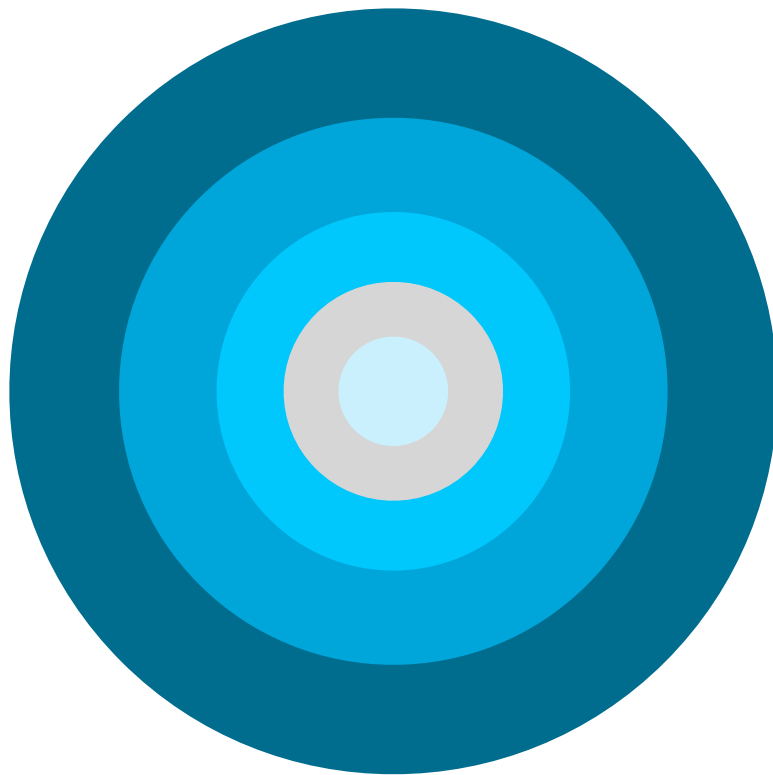
### Questions to consider:

*Discuss the following questions within your Small Group.*

- What stops you from engaging people (i.e. fear, schedule, prejudices, selfishness, energy, not knowing how, etc.)?
- How can you overcome these obstacles in order to share the Gospel?
- When do you find it difficult to have confidence in: God, His Gospel, His desire to work through you? In what ways can we build our confidence?
- Do you recognize the great love God has for you? Do you feel as though you should extend that same love to others?
- Does it bother you when you see God and His glory being mocked by sin? Why or Why not?
- God has kept His Church in the world to be on mission with Him. Do you see yourself as a missionary where you live? Why or why not?
- As you begin to step out with God in His mission, how can the Christian community you are a part of pray for you?

## Activity: Spheres of Influence

This activity will help you identify your Circle of Accountability. Think about each of your Spheres of Influence. Take note of the non-believers with whom you can build intentional relationships. Get to know them, pray for them, serve them, and find opportunities to share your grace story and the Gospel. Are there any other believers in your spheres? If so, ask them to live missionally with you in your shared sphere.



- Family
- Close Friends
- Co-Workers/ Neighbors
- Acquaintances, old friends, etc.
- Others

Spheres of Influence activity continued next page

# Activity: Spheres of Influence

## Family:

non-believers	other believers

## Close Friends:

non-believers	other believers

## Co-workers/ Neighbors:

non-believers	other believers

## Acquaintances/ Old Friends:

non-believers	other believers

## Others:

non-believers	other believers

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Session Two:

# Meaningful Gospel Presence

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How do I impact MyCircle through meaningful Gospel presence?

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## Pray

*(John 15:1-7; 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 & Colossians 4:2-4)*

- God would open their eyes to see Jesus.
- God would open doors for you to share Christ.
- God would give you boldness to walk through the doors He opens.
- God would give you clarity in sharing the Gospel.
- God would bring other believers into their life.

## Prayer Challenge:

- Pray daily for at least one person in your circle that does not know Christ.

## Engage

*(Matthew 5:13-16; John 1:14; Colossians 4:5-6; 1 Peter 2:11-12; James 2:14-19)*

- Posture your life to be available.
- Spend time with them
  - Meals, lunch hour, recreation, in a crisis, play dates, sports
  - Invite them into your home.
  - Invite them into your life.
  - When they invite you into theirs, go.
  - Do what you do and bring people with you.
  - Being a missionary means you bring the Gospel to the forefront of what you do every day, around the people you are with every day... for the glory of God and the good of the other person.

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## Session Two:

# Meaningful Gospel Presence cont'd

### Questions to consider:

*Discuss missional living within your Small Group.*

- What is the difference between being present in someone's life verses having a Gospel presence? Why is having a Gospel presence important?
- Why is prayer important in our personal evangelism?
- What obstacles hinder you from evangelistically praying daily for someone that is in your sphere of influence? How can you move beyond them?
- Jesus did not send His disciples into the mission alone. They have His Spirit, which is more than sufficient, and He also gave them The Church. Looking at who is in your circle, what other believers do you need to partner with in reaching your circle (in your family, neighborhood, workplace, etc.)?
- What are some of the biggest obstacles you face that prevent you from spending time with the lost people God has placed in your life? How can you move beyond these obstacles?
- Who in your life do you feel the biggest burden to share Christ with right now?
- Based on the names you put down on your spheres of missional influence, what are some tangible ways you can be a blessing to them in the name Jesus?
- There is no better time to start than now! Who will you pray for tomorrow? Whom will you engage in the next seven days by either spending time with them or blessing them in the name of Jesus?

## Activity: Living with Intentionality

Take some time throughout this week and write down the activities you are a part of each week. This will help you identify specific activities you are a part of to begin living with intentionality as a Gospel presence.

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**Tuesday:**

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**Wednesday:**

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**Other monthly activities:**

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**Consider these questions as you look over your activities:**

- How could you use your regular activities to engage the people in your spheres of influence? (Look for things you could do with an unbeliever instead of doing them by yourself.)
- Do you need to remove any activities that keep you from engaging the people in your spheres of influence?
- Do you need to add any activities that would give you more opportunities to engage the people in your spheres of influence?



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Session Three:

# Gospel Conversation









## Session Three: Gospel Conversation cont'd

### Questions to consider:

*Discuss missional living within your Small Group.*

- Have you ever shared the Gospel with a non-Christian? If so, explain your experience.
- What is your greatest strength when it comes to proclaiming The Gospel?
- What is your greatest weakness when it comes to proclaiming The Gospel?
- In what ways are you being challenged in Gospel proclamation?
- What should you do in order to faithfully respond to how you are being challenged?
- How can your small group help you confidently share the Gospel?



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Session Four:

# Gospel Proclamation









## Session Four:

# Gospel Conversation cont'd

### Questions to consider:

*Discuss Gospel proclamation within your Small Group.*

- What is God saying to you about the Gospel?
- Do you have a “deep working knowledge of The Gospel” so that you can faithfully articulate it to others?
- How should this deeper understanding of the Gospel impact your own personal mission to bring this message to those in your circle?
- What is the most difficult component of the Gospel for you to share? Why?
- What could you do to be more effective in sharing the Gospel?
- For whom do you have the biggest burden to share God’s message of hope? What steps should you begin to take in order to share it with them?
- How can others pray for you as you step out to share The Gospel?







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Session Five:

Next Steps:  
Missional Strategy

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# Next Steps: Missional Strategy

### 2 Corinthians 2:14-17

*Spend 15 minutes discussing this passage of scripture.*

- What is God saying to you through this passage?
- Who is leading you in victory?
- What does it mean to be the aroma of Christ?
- What have you been commissioned to do?

### Group Activity: Sharing Your Grace Story

*Spend time within your Small Group sharing your grace story.*

- Have everyone split into pairs within your group and share their grace story.
- Rotate every 3-4 minutes so that everyone has an opportunity to hear each other's story.

### Group Activity: Articulating the Gospel

*Spend time within your Small Group articulating the Gospel.*

- Have everyone split into pairs within your group and articulate the Gospel to each other.
- Rotate as often as possible so that everyone has multiple chances to practice articulating the Gospel.

### Debrief Questions

- What was it like to share your grace story with others?
- Did you feel confident in sharing your story after sharing it several times?
- Did you feel equipped to articulate the Gospel? Why or why not?
- What can you do to continue building confidence in sharing your grace story and articulating the Gospel?

## Activity: Missional Strategy

Take some time throughout this week to work on a missional strategy for how to begin engaging your circle. Refer to the activity from session one where you identified those within your spheres of influence, as well as the activities listed in session two. Use the guide below as a starting point to help you plan out your next steps.

- **Activity:** List one to four activities throughout your week that you know you can do to begin engaging someone in your circle.
- **Non-believer:** List the names of those involved in the activities previously listed and begin praying for them.
- **Believer:** List the names of other believers who are involved in these activities and who you can partner with to pray, love, and serve those you are trying to reach with the Gospel.
- **Next Step:** List the next step you can take in your relationship with those you have identified in order to move toward an opportunity for Gospel proclamation.

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