



## MISSIONAL LIVING: God's Mandate for Believers

### THE LOCAL CHURCH

- ➔ The primary \_\_\_\_\_ of the church is to \_\_\_\_\_ God & to \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
- ➔ The primary \_\_\_\_\_ of the church is to \_\_\_\_\_ the world domestically & internationally.
- ➔ In fulfilling its God-given task under His direction, local church indeed brings much glory to God.
- ➔ The church is to be a \_\_\_\_\_ organism, \_\_\_\_\_ under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, bringing people into the \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. (Philippians 2:5 / 1 Peter 2:21)

### WHAT IS A MISSIONAL CHURCH

- ➔ The missional church requires *"the people of God to join Jesus on His mission into the context of community by sharing and showing the love of Jesus to a broken and lost world."* (Ed Stetzer)
- ➔ Missional is NOT mission-minded, NOT mission-driven, Not Mission-centered... but rather MISSION-\_\_\_\_\_

### 3 CORE CHARACTERISTICS OF A MISSIONAL CHURCH

- 1 Missional Church is about the \_\_\_\_\_ of God & His Church. (John 20:21)
- 2 Missional Church is about \_\_\_\_\_ in a post-Christendom context.
- 3 Missional Church is about actively participating in the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

- ➔ *It is not so much that God has a mission for His Church in the world, but God has a Church for His mission in the world.*

### WHAT IS MISSIONAL LIVING?

- ➔ Missional Living is a Christian practice to adopt the thinking, behaviors, and practices of a \_\_\_\_\_ in everyday life, in order to engage others with the \_\_\_\_\_ message.
- ➔ Mission Living is based on 2 foundational rocks:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ the good news (Matthew 28:18-20)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ the good news (Matthew 5:16 / Acts 1:8)

### PRINCIPLES OF MISSIONAL LIVING

- 1 The authority of all missional living is founded in the \_\_\_\_\_ that God has a clear word to \_\_\_\_\_ to the world. (Acts 2:42 / 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- 2 Missional living means understanding the centrality of the Gospel expressed in \_\_\_\_\_ of a person's life. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 2:2 / Galatians 6:14)
- 3 Missional living involves worshipping God \_\_\_\_\_ as we are captured by His \_\_\_\_\_ & pursue His \_\_\_\_\_. (John 4:23-24)
- 4 Missional living means utilizing \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ as expressions of love to others in their journey toward faith. (Matthew 5:13-16 / John 15:12-17 / 1 John 4:19-21)
- 5 The ultimate goal of missional living is \_\_\_\_\_ in community with others as Jesus pursues them in His own \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians 9:20-23)

## LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24 —SEPTEMBER 30

### PRAYER

Pray a prayer of gratitude for the Good News of Jesus Christ and ask the Lord to guide your time together.

### MY STORY

When was the last time you got a phone call or message from someone in your life who was REALLY EXCITED to tell you something? How did their excitement make you feel?

### DIGGING DEEP

- 1) What about Sunday's message encouraged you, challenged you, or really made you think?
- 2) If a non-Christian were to ask you why you were a part of Creekside Christian Church, how would you respond? Would you talk more about the personal benefits or more about our church's local and global outreach and impact?
- 3) Read **Galatians 6:2** and **Acts 1:8**. How can a church balance the needs of its own members while also seeking its duty to evangelize domestically and internationally? How do we as individuals within the church play a role?
- 4) What is a missional church? What are some characteristics that would differ between a church fulfilling its duty to be a missional church vs. a church that is not being missional?

### DIGGING DEEPER

- 5) What is missional living? Read **Matthew 28:18-20** and **Matthew 5:16**. Which of these two comes easiest to you: *sharing* the Good News or *showing* the Good News of Jesus? Explain.

- 6) Read **John 1:14**. Discuss how the incarnation of the Son of God on earth reflects the heart of God. How does Jesus' example point the way to missional living?

- 7) Read **John 20:21** and **Matthew 28:18-20**. According to these verses, what is God's mission for your life? How much attention do you currently give to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ? Do you sense the Holy Spirit prompting you to adjust any priorities or behaviors regarding this personal mission? If so, explain.

### TAKING IT HOME

- 8) Read **1 Corinthians 15:1-4**. This passage is a clear description of the gospel message and the importance of sharing it. Would those who know you well (family, friends, neighbors or coworkers) be able to see the truth of these verses applied in your life? Why or why not? What behaviors may need to change?
- 9) Name a person in your life that may not know many other Christians besides you. Pray for them. How do you think God wants to use your relationship with that person to bring the message of the Good News of Jesus Christ to them?

### PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray that we may be an encouragement to one another in this LifeGroup so that we may be better equipped as individuals to live out the missional purpose of God within our homes, neighborhoods, communities and around the world.

