

Session #3: *We walk on mission.*

I. God's invitation to missional living.

When we invite people to walk with us we invite them to join Jesus' mission

- Mark 5: 1-20
- Matthew 28:16-20 their "doubts" were about the mission.
- John 17:18,19
- Mission implies an assignment.

II. Principles to practice missional living.

1. We shine Christ's light in dark places.

- Matthew 5:16
- Phil 2:14-15
- We bring the Kingdom to where we live, work, or play.

2. We practice love rooted in place.

- Connecting the Great Commandment with the Great Commission.
- We don't love from a distance but we love in a place.

Place is important to God — purpose of Israel - be a blessing Genesis 12:1-3/Jeremiah 29:13/1 Thes 4:9-10

It comes more natural to us to shout the gospel at people from a distance than to involve ourselves deeply in their lives, to think ourselves into their culture and their problems, and to feel with them in their pains. John Stott

Neighbors share a space but the space may not always be a common neighborhood. A neighbor is someone with whom I have a sustained relationship in a space and we share a history in that space.

How can I practice love rooted in a place?

- Take initiative
- Extend hospitality
- Expect differences
- Find common ground

3. We take one step at a time

Evangelism is more often a process than an event:

interest — insight — conviction

Acts 17:19 — John 4:25 — John 16:8 / Acts 8:30

We must discern where people are in the process and respond accordingly.

4. We start gospel conversations

Adults want to engage in conversations; they don't want a sermon. Conversations keep people engaged in the evangelism process.

- have a few good questions
- have a few good answers
- have your story ready to share

III. A Trip to buy flowers

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