

2024

# COURAGEOUS STEPS TO MISSIONAL LIVING

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# APRIL



# GLOBAL REACH

**Courageous Steps to Missional Living:  
“A Growing Love for the Things God Loves”**

## MOTIVATORS

“You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

“As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” John 20:21

## IDEAS

- Pray for our global partners using the intercessor
- Cultivate a relationship with someone culturally different than you
- Learn about Christianity in another part of the world
- Choose one global partner to pray for throughout the year
- Volunteer with an organization whose ministry is cross-cultural (I-Face & World Relief)
- Participate in a short-term mission trip (See QR Code)



## RESOURCES

Books:

- *Welcoming the Stranger* by Soerens & Yang
- *No Longer Strangers: Transforming Evangelism with Immigrant Communities* by Cho & Izadi Page

Apps and Websites:

- Operation World app
- Voice of the Martyrs @ [www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com)

Events:

- World Relief Love Your Neighbor Event on April 27, 2024  
(See QR Code)





Courageous Steps to Missional Living: "A Growing Love for the Things God Loves"

## MOTIVATORS

"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you... and pray to the Lord on its behalf." Jeremiah 29:7

"Let your light shine before others..." Matthew 5:16

## RESOURCES

- *Art of Neighboring* by Jay Pathak & Dave Runyon
- *Living SENT* by Justin Wester
- *Center Church* by Tim Keller

## IDEAS

- Look for and respond to needs in your community, school, and work.
- Take a prayer walk in your neighborhood.
- Plan a neighborhood outreach event. Missional living grants are available. (Top QR Code)
- Commit to volunteering monthly with a Local Outreach Partner or MRPC outreach group
  - ESL, MR Friends, Foster & Adopt (Contact Jason Yon at JYon@Mitchellroad.org)
- Register for the MRPC trip to Montgomery in Fall 2024.
- Become certified to do respite foster care. (Bottom QR code)



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# JUNE



# PERSONAL REACH

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## MOTIVATORS

"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." 1 Peter 3:15

## IDEAS

- Pray for one person by name to come to faith this year.
- Invite an unchurched friend to join you in a hobby or activity.
- When eating out, ask your server before your meal, "Before we pray for our food, is there anything we can pray for you about?"
- Reach out to a family member who doesn't know Jesus and ask how you can pray for them.
- Look for needs that arise in your neighborhood, social circle, or at work and actively step into them to serve (e.g. bring a meal, pay a visit, run an errand, pray with them, etc.).
- Gift an unchurched friend a Bible and invite them to explore and read the Bible together (start by reading through the Gospel of John).

## RESOURCES

- The Gospel Comes With a House Key by Rosaria Butterfield
- How to start a Christianity Explored group with your contacts
- Utilize question generator app [www.questionsinabox.com](http://www.questionsinabox.com) [IOS and GooglePlay]





## MOTIVATORS

### Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

### Romans 10:13-15

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

### 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

## IDEAS

- Read through the book of Acts this month and study how the Great Commission took shape in the life of the early church.
- Memorize scripture passages related to Missional Living. Start with one of the motivator passages.
- Read the classic "Let the Nations be Glad" by John Piper to learn more about the Theology of Missions.
- Audit an Erskine Seminary class this fall.
- Sign up for the trip to Montgomery, AL this September.
- Read about and pray for our global partners using the Mitchell Road app
- Sign up to receive the weekly Engage the World newsletters and pray.
- Take Perspectives, an online class to learn more about each believer's opportunity to join God in His global purpose to evangelize the nations. [www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org)

## RESOURCES

- Read a classic missionary biography
  - Amy Carmichael: Beauty for Ashes
  - Through the Gates of Splendor
  - To the Golden Shore: The Life of Adoniram Judson
- An Introductory Reading List on Missions by the Gospel Coalition [www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/introductory-reading-list-missions/](http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/introductory-reading-list-missions/)
- Erskine Seminary Classes. [www.mitchellroad.org/gospelalliance-ets](http://www.mitchellroad.org/gospelalliance-ets)
- "Driven: Compelled by Christ's Love," a 14-day devotional about missions on the Bible App.
- Various theological articles and resources are available on missions and evangelism at Ligonier Ministries. [www.Ligonier.org](http://www.Ligonier.org)



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## MOTIVATORS

### **1 Corinthians 10:31**

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

### **Romans 12:1**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

### **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

### **Ephesians 2:10**

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## IDEAS

- **How is your body hindering you from living on mission?**
  - Commit to observing sabbath rest weekly.
  - Consider fasting from something that distracts or controls you physically.
  - Commit to your ideal sleep duration each night (7-9 hours).
  - Stay up-to-date with yearly physicals and screenings.
  - Reduce your level of stress for your physical well-being.
- **How can your body enhance your ability to live on mission?**
  - Commit to an exercise program or recreation with an unchurched friend.
  - Research physical fitness guidelines specific to your age in order to maintain good, overall health.
  - Research dietary guidelines and seek to improve your nutrition and eating habits.
  - Work with a fitness coach to establish goals.

## RESOURCES

- Magazine: Common Good Issue 15
- Podcast: God Cares About Your Body by Sam Allberry
- Podcast: Should Christians Care About Physical Fitness? by Erik Thoennes and Jeremy Treat
- Book: Margin: Restoring Emotional, Physical, Financial, and Time Reserves to Overloaded Lives by Robert Swenson
- Article: 12 Biblical Ways to Reduce Stress in Your Life Today
- Article: CDC About Physical Activity
- Article: Build a Healthy Eating Routine



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## MOTIVATORS

**John 15:4-5:** Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

**Galatians 5:22-25:** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

**Galatians 6:7-8:** Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

**2 Corinthians 3:18:** And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

## IDEAS

- Solitude- begin the practice of setting aside solitary time with the Lord without distraction.
- Mindfulness and journaling- set aside a few moments each day to evaluate and take inventory of your spiritual well being.
- Use drive time to be silent and listen to the Lord (rather than phone, radio, etc.).
- Transcribe scripture passages in your quiet time to nourish your soul. (article below)
- Carve out 2-3 hours for a personal spiritual retreat this month. See resource QR code for a guide.
- Spend a few hours at The Potter's Place, a place for prayer and solitude in Central, SC. See resource QR code for website and directions.
- Listen to larger passages of Scripture to absorb the larger context.
- Observe a digital Sabbath (turn off your devices for a day).
- Fast for a full 24 hours spending extended time and focus on God in prayer and meditation.
- Download the "Daily Prayer" App to prompt you to pray three times a day.
- Read one of the books listed on the "Resources."

## RESOURCES

- Book & App: *Every Moment Holy* by: Douglas McKelvey
- Book: *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry* by John Mark Comer
- Book: *Practicing the Way* by John Mark Comer
- Book: *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster
- Book: *Abide in Christ* by Andrew Murray
- Book: *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund
- Book: *Deeper* by Dane Ortlund
- Handout: Personal Spiritual Retreat
- App: Daily Prayer
- TGC Article: *Why I Transcribe the Bible During My Quiet Time*
- TGC Article: *Moms, Make the Most of Margin Time*
- TGC Article: *Build Spiritual Habits in Just a Few Minutes*
- Potter's Place
- Book: *Habits of the Household* - Justin Earley
- Book: *The Common Rule* - Justin Earley



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