

2024

COURAGEOUS STEPS TO MISSIONAL LIVING

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

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“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

Events:

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





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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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"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 [IOS and GooglePlay]





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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

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/
- Erskine Seminary Classes. 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



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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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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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Genesis 2:2: "And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done."

Colossians 3:17: "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Colossians 3:23-24: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

1 Corinthians 15:58: "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

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.

PRACTICES

- Watch the "Work as Worship" video in your community group and discuss.
- Wherever your work space is- at home, office or on the road-pray for those you encounter.
- Prepare a winsome, Christ centered way for explaining what you do for a living.
- Find a bible study on the Theology of Work website to add to your quiet time.
- Download and review 105 Business as Ministry Ideas. (scan QR Code)
- If you are retired, consider serving in a short term capacity on the mission field (1-11 months). Watch this video from MTW (scan QR Code)
- Invite coworkers to go through a Christianity Explored class with you. Contact Jason Yon for more information.
- Invite a coworker to lunch or coffee and spend time learning about their story and sharing vulnerably your own.
- Invite coworkers to church with you (especially around holidays).

RESOURCES

- Video: Work As Worship
- Website: Theology of Work
- Article: 12 Basic Principles for Faith and Work
- Website: The Gospel Coalition Faith & Work Channel (library)
- Book: Every Good Endeavor by Timothy Keller
- Book: The Sacredness of Secular Work by Jordan Raynor
- Book: Kingdom Calling by Amy Sherman
- Article: Stay at Home Disciple Makers
- Video: MTW "Redeployment"



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Matthew 5:14-16: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

1 Peter 3:15: ...always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

Matthew 28:18-20: ...And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

PRACTICES

- Remember **P.A.C.**
 - **P-Pray** for relational connections with new people.
 - **A-Ask** intentional questions to help go beneath the surface (How can I pray for you? What are you struggling most with right now? What keeps you up at night?)
 - **C-Care** for the person in response. Identify simple ways to care for this person, and act on them.
- Invite a new family or friend to a night of intentional conversation in your home. Topics could include:
 - a book or article
 - a poem or song
 - a favorite memory
 - goals and dreams for the future
 - a favorite story from the Bible and why
- Spend time praying for God to reveal any unforgiveness in your heart and any relationships in your life that need to be reconciled. (See Matthew 18 and Matthew 6:14-15). Take the first steps towards forgiveness and reconciliation.
- Upcoming Holiday Season:
 - Pray for an opportunity to share your faith story in a non-threatening way over the holidays with non-believing family members.
 - Invite someone to your holiday table that might be alone and need a place to go.

RESOURCES

- Article: Building Relationships: You Can't Deepfake In-Person Relationships - Ian Harber
- Article: Think Biblically About Relational Boundaries - Beth Claes
- Article: Explore Relationships - Gospel Coalition
- Handout: Personal Methods of Evangelism by Tim Keller
- Website: The Art of Neighboring
- Book: Before You Share Your Faith
- Book: The Gospel Comes with a Housekey
- Video: Tim Keller on Forgiveness



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2 Corinthians 9:6-7: "...whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Acts 2:44: "...And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."

1 John 3:16: "By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."

PRACTICES

- Commit to praying about using your time and money to further outreach and evangelism.
- Make or update your budget to reflect a high value of missions, church planting, and outreach.
- Adopt a single-parent or under-resourced family this holiday season.
- Invite someone who is lonely to your holiday table this year.
- Begin giving to our Missionary Support Offering (MSO). (Scan QR Code for Link)
- Be generous with your home.
 - Host a missionary for this year's Missional Living Conference (ckittel@mitchellroad.org)
 - Host a Fellow for the 2025-2026 school year. (cari@greenvillefellows.org)
 - Host a youth intern this summer. (bjarratt@mitchellroad.org)
- Subscribe to the National Christian Foundation for articles and resources on giving.

RESOURCES

- Books:
 - The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn
 - The Generosity Project: Learn, Pray, and Work Together to Become the Big-Hearted People God Calls Us to Be by Tony Payne and Geoff Robson
 - Leverage: Using Temporal Wealth for Eternal Gain by Kenneth Boa and Russ Crosson
- Podcast:
 - The Gospel Coalition: Who is the Faithful and Wise Servant? By Don Carson
- Articles:
 - God Loves a Cheerful Giver (Ligonier Ministries)
 - The Gifts We Bring (National Christian Foundation)



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