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DEVELOPING A MISSIONAL MINDSET

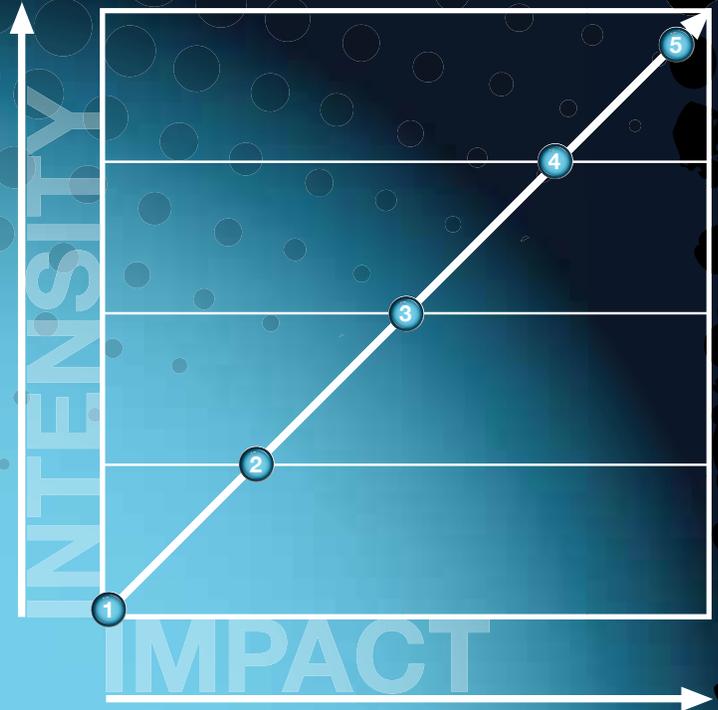
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Throughout Scripture God is revealed as a missionary God – a God who sends. From the sending of Abraham to a land he would be shown later, to the sending of Isaiah as a prophet to Judah, to the sending of Jesus to be our Lord and Savior, and finally to the sending of the church to be His witnesses in the world, God has shown Himself to be the God who sends. As today’s culture moves further and further from any real knowledge of God and any proximity with the church, the church must recapture the missionary nature of God and be His primary missionary agents in this world, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. We must learn to think like missionaries in our contexts and be examples of the gospel in both word and deed among those to whom we have been sent.

Developing a Missional Mindset presents ideas and strategies for leading the church to think and live like missionaries. It will cover strategies that will lead the church to be engaged missionally from the local neighborhood to ends of the earth.

Level 1: Creating Missional Awareness

- Preach sermons and teach lessons that enforce missional living.
 - The missionary nature of God
 - The Bible's "Sending" Language
 - The early church's missionary nature
 - Cooperative Program/mission lessons in Sunday School/small groups
- Lead the church to pray missionally.
 - Prayerwalk church members' neighborhoods and communities.
 - Develop prayer guides to use.
 - Pray for a way to connect the church with the neighborhood.
 - Pray for church planters and missionaries to be called and sent out.
 - Pray for unreached/unengaged people groups around the world.
- Lead the church to set missions giving goals.
 - Highlight mission needs and create awareness by focusing on the various mission offerings (Dixie Jackson, Annie Armstrong, and Lottie Moon).
 - Involve Sunday School classes/small groups in needs-based mission giving.
- Study the community.
 - Map out the streets, roads, paths, boundaries, districts, and landmarks.
 - Identify the "third places" in the community (places where people gather and hang out).
 - Discuss ways to have a presence in some of these spaces and begin engaging people in the community.
 - Learn the history of the community.

Level 2: Mission Projects and Trips

- Local community projects
- In-state projects
- National trips
- International trips
- Adopt an Unreached People Group and commit to pray, give, and go serve them.
- Mobilize volunteers to be a part of disaster

relief teams to be agents of the gospel in times of crisis.

- Partner with other churches with the goal of reaching an unreached people group.

Level 3: Involvement in Church Planting

- Focused prayer for a church plant
- Financial support
- Send mission teams to help a church plant
- Partner with a church plant

Level 4: Personal Missional Engagement

- Equip church members to think and live like missionaries in their neighborhoods.
- Plan neighborhood events to draw neighbors together, such as cookouts, dessert nights, and block parties.
- Get involved in community chaplaincy.

Level 5: Starting New Groups, Ministries, or Churches in the Local Community

- As the church engages new people in their communities, create new spaces for those people to gather and be evangelized and/or disciplined.
- Start new outreach-oriented home group Bible studies that may turn into new churches.
- Start a new church.

Recommended Resources

- *Missional Essentials and The Missional Quest* (Brad Brisco and Lance Ford)
- *Tradecraft for the Church on Mission* (Caleb Crider)
- *Right Here, Right Now* (Alan Hirsch)
- *Missional Renaissance* (Reggie McNeal)
- *Planting Missional Churches* (Ed Stetzer)

For specific information about implementing the recommendations listed here, download the complete version of the "Developing a Missional Mindset" design guide at www.revitalizearkansas.com.