

At Work

What exactly is “Missional Living” anyway?

One way to define “Missional Living” might be this, *“when anyone, being motivated by the love of Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, uses their gifts, talents, and training to love and serve people where they live, work, and play.”* Missional Living is winsomely engaging and attractively exposing unchurched people to God’s Word and God’s people.

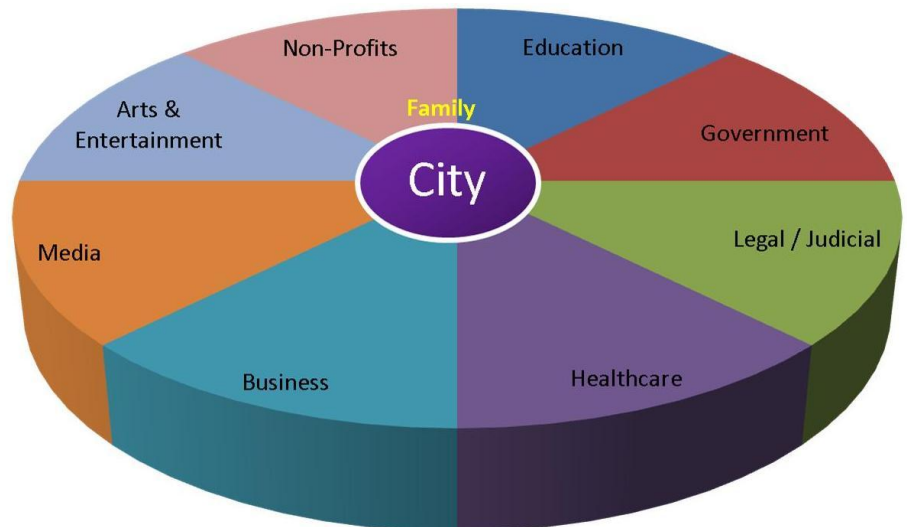
Missional living is living out the gospel right through serving, hospitality, and love with *“no strings attached.”* It’s praying for our neighbors, co-workers, and classmates. It’s seeing the things that you enjoy most as your best opportunities for ministry. It’s realizing that love opens relational doors and truth sets people free. It’s being nice to people. It’s initiating conversation. It’s recognizing that people aren’t looking for a friendly church, as much as they are looking for friends, and... it’s being that friend.

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Missional living where we work is not so much about starting a Bible study at work (though there’s nothing wrong with that). But... it’s an even bigger vision! It’s a holistic vision to see people and “all things” redeemed for God’s glory. As one church planter said, *“The reason for our ministry is to seek the restoration of nouns (i.e. persons, places, and things).”*

It’s about living out your faith in an attractive way such that co-workers and clients become curious as to what makes you tick.

It’s about identifying your *“Channel of Cultural Influence”* (i.e. business, arts & entertainment, media, education, healthcare, non-profits, legal / judicial, and government) and seeking to influence your workplace, and channel at large, such that they begin to take on the characteristics and values of the Kingdom of God. For specific examples of what this might look like, see the reverse side of this document.



Getting Started

If you’d like to have a conversation about what missional living might look like in your neighborhood in your own personal context, contact Drue Warner (Director of Live, Work & Play Ministries) at druew@perimeter.org or 678-405-2227.

Channels of Cultural Influence

Reflecting the Attributes of the Kingdom of God

The following chart includes information from the article, "City Transformation in China: A Starting Point" by Diana Wang, with Talene Lee, commissioned by ChinaSource. This article beautifully explains and communicates the vision that we have for influencing our channels of cultural influence.

Summarizing the main point of this article, that God designed each Channel of Cultural Influence to reflect an attribute of His character. When the channels function the way that God intended, He is glorified as men and women are drawn to the godly values that promote a flourishing society.

CHANNEL OF CULTURAL INFLUENCE	GOD'S CHARACTER REFLECTED	PURPOSE
Art & Entertainment	Beauty	To Provide for rest, relaxation, and renewal of the soul through beauty and joy.
Business	Provision	To provide the needed goods and services and gainful employment opportunities for the community, at large, at a fair market price and wage.
Education	Knowledge	To develop the God-given gifts in every person to their highest potential in the service of their community, believing God gifts every child.
Government	Righteousness	To serve, govern, and defend the people with selflessness, fairness and equality.
Healthcare	Healer	To protect and preserve life by caring for the sick and dying with dignity, compassion, and kindness.
Law / Justice	Justice	To provide an independent and objective source of arbitration and conflict resolution for society and between nations, providing and insuring justice and equality for all citizens.
Media	Truth	To provide truthful, objective information of importance to the community at large so that citizens can make informed decisions.
Non-Profits	Mercy	To care for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the least of these among us.
ADDITIONAL AREAS TO REFLECT ON:	GOD'S CHARACTER REFLECTED	PURPOSE
Church	Mercy & Holiness	To provide for propagation of the faith and discipleship of all believers in the whole nature and character of God, His Word applied to the work and walk of faith, and to facilitate the expression of that faith in worship, fellowship, and the sacraments of the church.
Family	Nurture & Love	To provide a safe, loving, and nurturing environment for growth, values, and education of the next generation.

Can you envision a society where each of these channels fulfills, even in part, the God-glorifying purpose for which He created it? Isn't it an inspiring picture?