

At Play

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 play is all about leveraging our favorite hobbies and recreational activities for Kingdom impact. It’s representing Jesus to the kids you coach by how you coach. It’s being selective in playing golf or tennis with people far from God, as opposed to your regular foursome from church. It’s accepting an invitation to the neighborhood Bunko (or Poker) night with the hope of making new friends with neighbors who need the gospel.



What do you love to do?

Get out a note pad and write down all the things that you enjoy doing (i.e. biking, camping, fishing, hunting, playing music, sewing, painting, writing, reading, playing sports, watching sports, cooking, eating barbecue, gardening, etc.). Now, think about what you might be able to do to use your specific hobbies and interests to meet and build relationships with unchurched people. Before you know it, you’re engaged in missional living doing the things that you love the most!

Getting Started

If you’d like to have a conversation about what missional living might look like where you go to play and have fun, contact Drue Warner (Director of Live, Work & Play Ministries) at druew@perimeter.org or 678-405-2227.

Top 20 “Out of the Box” Ministry Ideas

1. Start a “Book Club”
2. Start a “Golf or Tennis Group”
3. Start a “Walking or Running Group”
4. Coordinate a game night (i.e. Bunko, Poker, etc.)
5. Host a “Christmas Caroling & Hot Chocolate Party”
6. Organize a “Progressive Game Night” for kids and families.
7. Start a “Neighborhood Supper Club” (eat in or go out to eat)
8. Build a fire pit and invite neighbors over to enjoy it with you.
9. Find out what your neighbor enjoys doing, and do it with them.
10. Organize an “Ultimate Tasting Party” for neighbors or co-workers.
11. Start a “Community Garden” in your neighborhood, school, or at work.
12. Coordinate a “Yard to Yard Golf Tournament” (i.e. play with plastic golf balls or Frisbee golf)
13. Host a viewing party for the next big sporting event (i.e. College football, NFL, NASCAR race, etc.)
14. Invite one, two, or all of the families of your child’s sports team over to your house for a cookout.
15. Put on a pot of soup one Friday evening per month and invite neighbors to come over for soup, drinks, and conversation.
16. Facilitate or coordinate a “how to” workshop on gardening, bbq / smoking meats, brewing beer, holiday or home decorating, etc.
17. Facilitate or coordinate a seminar / discussion on marriage, parenting, finance (i.e. Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University)
18. Organize a “Chili Cook Off” and invite your neighbors to bring a batch for the contest and to be prepared to taste and judge.
19. Have an “Outdoor Movie” using PVC pipes, a King sized bed sheet, projector, speakers, and DVD player.
20. During the winter, make (or buy) Windshield De-Icer Spray and give out to neighbors. This can be a great relationship / conversation “ice breaker!”
 - Recipe: Use a bottle of 70% isopropyl alcohol (50% works, too, but not as well) with a few drops of dish soap. Apply liberally to the glass with a spray bottle.