

## Missional Living Part 1

**P**urpose: To understand that our mission on campus is fueled by understanding the Gospel and the college culture around us so as to then learn how to submerge ourselves into culture as Jesus did, without compromising the truths of The Bible and Gospel.

### Introduction

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***O**ur mission is to be close to Jesus. This transforms our hearts to love what he loves, hate what he hates, and to pursue relationships with lost people in hopes of connecting with them and, subsequently, connecting them with God. It is imperative that Christians be like Jesus, by living freely within the culture as missionaries who are as faithful to the Father and his Gospel as Jesus was in his own time and place. – Pastor Mark Driscoll*

1. What do you think our culture is at FSU?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Would 'living freely within our culture' yet remaining 'faithful to the Father and his Gospel' create any kind of tension? How do we do this?

### Gospel Reminder

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*Read Mark 10:45 and answer the following questions:*

3. What was Jesus' understanding of His mission?

4. How was Jesus' life a 'ransom for many'?

*Read Luke 19:10 and answer the following questions:*

5. What was Jesus' understanding of his mission?

6. Who are the lost?

*Read John 10:10-11 and answer the following questions:*

7. What was Jesus' understanding of his mission?

8. What does it mean to 'have life and have it abundantly'?



Jesus' ministry he remained sinless despite the temptations prevalent in the places he ministered. Engaging culture does not give an excuse to sin. Remember Driscoll states we must remain faithful to the Father and not compromise the truth of the Gospel not only for a non-believer, but ourselves as well. Ultimately, we must remember that just as God sent Jesus, Jesus sends us with a purpose.

## **Because of the Gospel We Are Called and Sent by Jesus**

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*Read Matthew 28:18-20 and answer the following question:*

14. In light of Christ's ministry, how are we to understand our mission?

*Read John 17:15-23 and answer the following questions:*

15. In Jesus' prayer just before He went to the cross, how did He describe the part His followers would play in working out God's purposes among those who don't know Christ yet?

## **Why Are We Sent**

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**I**n Matthew 4:19, Jesus told the disciples he would make them fishers of men. Read the following verses below and answer *what our motivation is and why we must be sent*.

16. Romans 10:14-15

17. John 14:6

## 18. Matthew 5:13-16

### Exposing Your Fears

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**T**he Gospel and Jesus' command should be clear at this point as to why we must live missionally. It would be naïve to think that we as humans could do this perfectly or without being fearful, especially since this must be an everyday action.

19. As you live for Christ among unbelievers, which of these fears do you have? Why?

Circle the fears you have and explain in the margins why you have these specific fears.

- Being rejected
- Exposing your inadequacy in talking about the Gospel
- Exposing your own feelings
- Exposing the flaws in yourself or your spiritual life
- Saying the wrong thing
- Being stereotyped and labeled as intolerant
- Losing friendships
- Failing
- Adding more stress to your busy life
- Negatively affecting your family by involving them with the unbelieving culture
- Being contaminated or losing holiness
- Living outside your comfort zone
- Fearing other believers' disapproval
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Overcome Your Fears and Live Missionally

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**T**hroughout scripture, God reveals what He gives to us to overcome our fears in order to live missionally, and overall, a way that is pleasing to Him. Take advantage of the following scriptures and dwell in their truths.

20. According to John 16:7-11, what were we given when Jesus left to ascend to heaven?  
How does this comfort you?

*Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Romans 1:15-16, and 2 Corinthians 4:4-5.*

21. What encouragement do you receive from Paul's writings?

## Instructions from God

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*Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4 and answer the following question:*

22. What does God instruct us to do? Why?

**W**e need to proclaim truth, pray for all people, and lead by example with a life that is glorifying to God. Read the verses below and answer how each passage calls us to live.

23. Colossians 4:5-6

24. 2 Timothy 2:23-26

25. 1 Peter 3:15

26. How do you see the instruction of the previous verses as beneficial? What is the importance of living a holy life when also living missionally?

*Read Mark 10:45 and John 13:5-17 and answer the following questions:*

27. To remind ourselves, what did Jesus come to do?

28. What could you do today to emulate Jesus' washing of the feet? How can you serve those around you?

### **Memory Verse**

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**1** Peter 3:15 – But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, 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.

