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Missional Community
Leadership Development

AGENDA:

1. Welcome and Prayer
2. Purpose
3. Theological/Biblical Underpinnings of Christian Community
4. Functions of a Missional Community (Missional Community Diagram)
5. Soma Missional Community Video
6. Expectations of Missional Communities and Leaders
7. Closing Prayer



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PURPOSE OF QUARTERLY TRAININGS

MISSION OF MISSIO DEI CHURCH

To be a church with passionate faith in Jesus Christ that

- Sacrificially loves,
- Serves those in need,
- and draws people into an ever deepening relationship with God.

CORE VALUES:

Christ. Community. Cause.

PROGRESSION OF TRAININGS

- Quarter 1: Foundations of a Missional Community
- Quarter 2: (April 27) Facilitating Gospel-centered Discussion and Mission
- Quarter 3: (July 27) Missional Living
- Quarter 4: (October 26) Multiplying a Missional Community



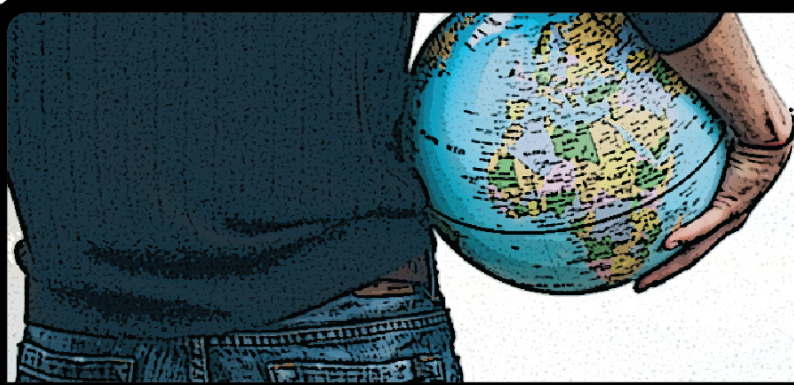
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THEOLOGICAL/BIBLICAL UNDERPINNINGS OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Read **Ephesians 2:18 - 22** and reflect on the community aspects of the gospel.

¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.



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GOD IS A MISSIONARY (SENDING) GOD.

The word mission carries the idea of sending, or being sent. This not only describes what God chose/chooses to do, but how he operates within the Godhead. It reflects who he is. Though more could be said about this, let me just point out what I consider to be the most important demonstrations of this part of God's character.

1. The Father Sent the Son.

(John 5; 8:42; 1 Jn. 4:14; Rom. 8:18-25; Col. 1:15-20)

God's mission of redemption is centered in the person and work of Jesus. The Father sent the Son to live, teach, work, die and rise again as the ground of our salvation. This mission of redemption was not only for saving individual sinners, but is cosmic in its scope.

2. The Father and the Son send the Holy Spirit.

(John 14; 16; Mk. 13:11; Luke 11:13)

Before his return to the Father Jesus promised that he would send another Helper. The Holy Spirit would be sent into the world to bring conviction, continuing the work of redemption. This same Spirit will lead us into truth, and give us the words to say as the mission of God.

3. Jesus Sends the Church out into the world.

(John 20:21; Acts 1:8)

The mission of God continues as Jesus sends his people out into the world as the continuation of his mission. As Jesus was sent, so are we, to be the agents of God's gospel.

Because our God is a missionary God, our identity in Him is reflected in our being a missionary people. Therefore, mission is not merely what we *do* it is what we *are*.



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A Missional Church and therefore our Missional Communities must be at least three things:

1. **SENTNESS.**

The church must live as a sent people, not a only sending people. While we will always be sending others into the farther reaches of the world to take the Gospel of grace, we must also live as a sent people to the communities God has planted our church in. We should stop allegorizing Acts 1:8 so that Lincolnway area is our “Jerusalem,” the Chicago suburbs is our “Judea,” the state is our “Samaria,” and other countries are our “uttermost parts of the earth.” From Jesus’ perspective, the Lincolnway area *is* in the uttermost parts of the earth. He has sent us, his people, to this culture/context to preach, demonstrate and invite people to enter the kingdom of God. To simply think of ourselves as established, and being the senders of others, robs us of the missional imperative to join God in his mission to the people who live and work in our neighborhoods. This means more than being evangelistic, and knowing our theology.



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2. ENGAGED.

We must live, work, play and minister redemptively in our culture. The well-intentioned tendency of Christians in America to withdraw from culture has only weakened our effectiveness in communicating Jesus to the people we want to reach out to. Culture *is not* bad, but merely the combination of customs, values, rituals, beliefs, art, food, and institutions among a specific people. Much of our culture and sub-cultures is good, but needs to find its full meaning in God. And of course much of it is corrupt and needs to be transformed by the power of the Gospel as demonstrated in the community of faith. Either way, the Gospel is seen as something authentic and life changing only in the context of a particular culture. It must be seen, experienced, and understood in comparison or contrast to what they know. This requires involvement in people's lives and the culture we are a part of whenever possible. We cannot strip the kingdom of God down to a few principles that are merely applied to an individual's private life. It is much larger than that.

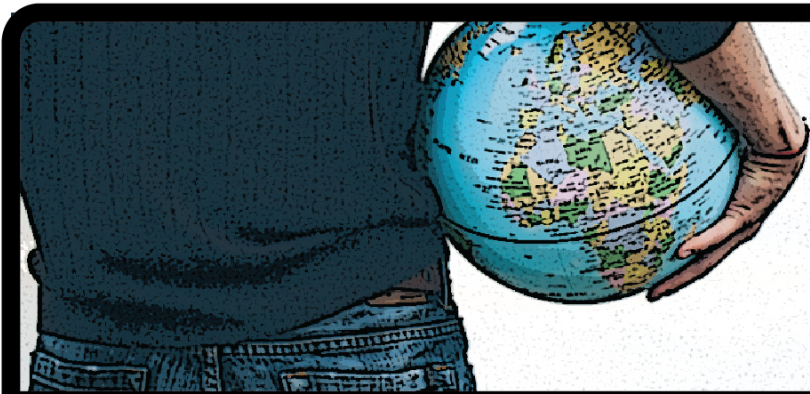


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3. INCARNATED (PUT ON FLESH).

We and the Gospel must be incarnated where we are. What I mean is that churches will, and should, look different in each cultural context. A church in the inner-city will look different from those in the rural counties. In some cases they will address the same issues with the Gospel, but in many others the Gospel will bring about redemption in different ways to different issues. Instead of relying on one-size-fits-all programs and church models, it is necessary to allow the kingdom of God to present itself to the community through the church in ways needed by that culture. This is not an abandonment of truth, doctrinal standards, or biblical ecclesiology. It is the church moving forward with all of that to become what God intends us to be in each new place.



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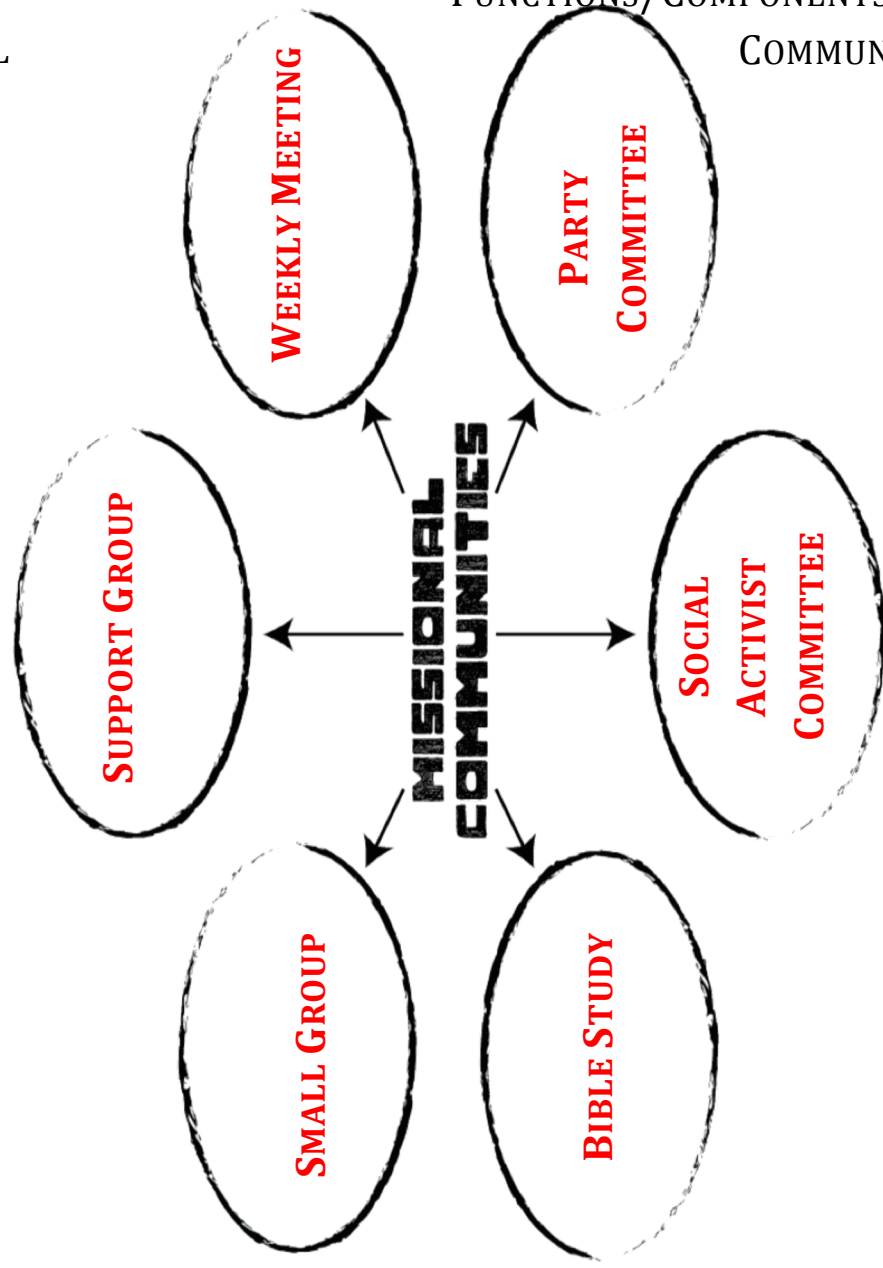


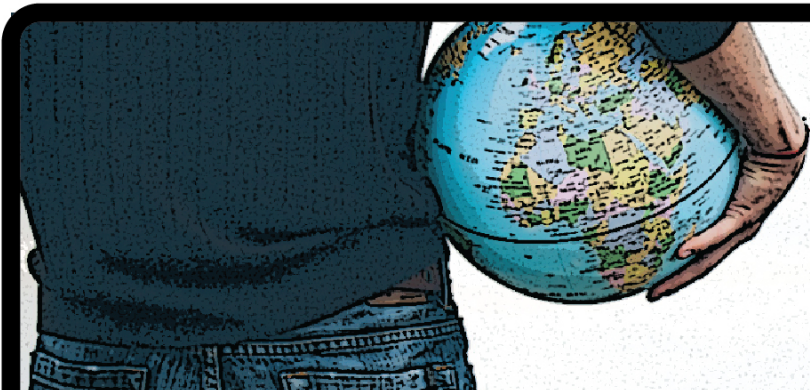
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FUNCTIONS/COMPONENTS OF A COMMUNITY

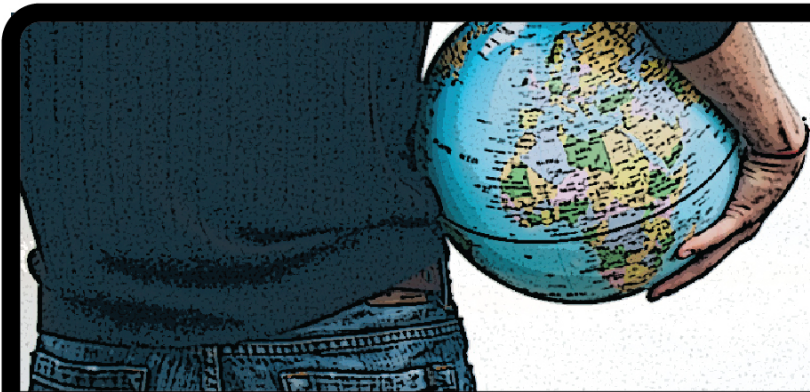




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REFLECT ON “SOMA COMMUNITY – MISSIONAL COMMUNITY PROFILE”
VIDEO.



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WHAT DO YOU NEED AS A LEADER TO GET FROM POINT A TO POINT Z?