



Missional Community Mission Component

What is the Mission Component?

The Mission Component is the designated time during a Missional Community (MC) meeting where the group focuses their discussion on personal and group outreach to an identified people and place. Outreach is defined by four important activities: identify, pray, engage, and share. This component will be led primarily by the MC's MyCircle Catalyst. The goal of the mission component is to provide an environment for:

1. **Growth** in one's personal and group outreach.
2. **Accountability** toward living out the Four Outcomes of MyCircle (Identify; Pray; Engage; Share).
3. **Celebration** of God's activity as the group reaches out to others.
4. **Collaboration** with other believers in the mission to reach out.

What is a MyCircle Catalyst?

The MyCircle Catalyst is the person who helps the group remain focused on the mission to reach those who do not know Christ. Their primary qualifications are to love Jesus and care about lost people. Each time the Missional Community gathers, the Catalyst will lead the group in a discussion that centers on bringing the Gospel to others in order to accomplish the goals listed above.

What are the responsibilities of a MyCircle Catalyst?

1. Work interdependently with the Missional Community Leader (MCL) in leading the group to live out the mission.
2. Follow the Mission Component monthly/yearly calendar.
3. Facilitate the missional discussion each week in keeping with the Mission Component calendar.
4. Identify and empower a *service coordinator* in the Missional Community.
5. Participate in the quarterly MCL and Ministry Team Leader meetings.
6. Remain connected to the leadership of Missio for personal growth, accountability, and support.



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Mission Component Monthly Calendar:

One of the five outcomes we want to see lived out in the lives of Christ's people (collectively and individually) is their participation in God's mission to redeem a people for Himself through the Person of Jesus Christ and His redemptive work. We call this outcome "Grace Story." We know people are participating in this outcome when they:

1. **Identify** the people Jesus has sent them to reach.
2. **Pray** daily for at least one person they have identified.
3. **Engage** at least one person per week they have identified.
4. **Share** the Story of Grace once a month with at least one person they have identified.

A Mission Component calendar has been developed to assist the MyCircle Catalysts in facilitating focused discussions and to prevent any aspect of missional living (as defined here) from being overlooked. Our philosophy is to encourage ongoing discussions to help people grow, be held accountable, celebrate, and collaborate together in reaching others. We will do this during each MC meeting by centering the group's discussion on one or two of the Grace Story outcomes, rather than talking through them all. The calendar guides the group so that focus will be on each of the intended outcomes once per month (Identify, Pray, Engage, and Share) and provides opportunities to live them out.

Week	Focus
1	Identify/Pray
2	Engage
3	Share
4	MyCircle Nights
Quarterly	Serve COA

These missional discussions should be focused in two different ways:

1. Individual missional activity in their MyCircle
2. The Missional Community's activity in its designated geography



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Week 1: Identify and Pray

1. Preparation:

- Make sure each MC member knows they need to bring their Spheres of Missional Influence from the MyCircle Training workbook.
- Will there be any new people that will join the MC? If so, make sure to have the Sphere's of Missional Influence activity available.
- Know what questions from the Mission Component you are going to focus on ahead of time.

2. Opening Questions (Pick 1):

- If there are new people present that have yet to go through the MyCircle training, walk through the Spheres of Missional Influence activity.
Remember to highlight: This is one of the 4 outcomes indicating what it looks like to live on mission here at Missio...that Christ's people clearly know whom they have been sent back to in order to share the Gospel.
- God has kept His Church in the world to be on mission with Him. Do you see yourself as a missionary where you live? Why or why not?
- How should an understanding of The Gospel impact our personal mission to bring this message to those in our circle?
- Last week was our MC's MyCircle Night. Who were you and/or your family able to engage? (Spend time praying for the people and families mentioned.)

3. Discussion Questions (Pick 1-2 under each section):

- Identify
 - Is there anyone new that has come into your circle in the last month?
 - How often do you and/or your family engage your Sphere's of Influence? (i.e. updating, personal prayer time, planning, etc)
 - With whom in your life do you have the biggest burden to share Christ? What steps will you take this month to engage that person?
 - Who in your circle demonstrates the most interest in discussing spiritual things?
 - Who is the most challenging person in your circle to engage with the Gospel? (Pray specifically for these people together.)
 - As you look at your circle, what do you learn about yourself? Are you positioning yourself to engage a lost world?



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--Prayer

- Briefly review the ways we want to see people pray for the lost. (See page 10 of the MyCircle workbook) Why is it important to pray in this way for those apart from Christ in our circles?
- Do you have a daily and weekly prayer plan? Why or why not?
- What has helped you pray daily for at least one person that does not know Christ?
- What obstacles hinder you from praying daily for at least person that does not know Christ?
- In what ways have you seen God move as you have prayed for those in your circle?
- How has God changed you as you have faithfully prayed for the people apart from Christ in your life?
- How can the Missional Community pray for you as you step out into the Mission?
- How can the Missional Community join with you in praying specifically for someone in your circle?

4. Group Challenge (2 times per year):

- 30 Day Prayer Challenge
 - Who in your circle will commit to pray for for the next 30 days?
 - Engage that person and tell them that you will pray for them for the next 30 days.
 - Ask if there is anything specific they would like you to pray about for them?
 - Follow up with them weekly reminding them that you are praying for them. Ask how they are doing.
 - See how God moves in their life and/or opens doors for Gospel conversation.
- Prayer walk street and/or neighborhood.
 - Utilize "A Guide to Prayer Walking" to assist with how to pray.
 - Focus on a specific group of houses in your own neighborhood and pray over each one.

5. Close in prayer

- For those who have been discussed and their situations.
- For each other to be faithful and bold witnesses in the coming month.
- That God would open doors for The Gospel in the upcoming month.
- For all the people written down in the spheres.
- For anything else that comes up from the conversation that pertains to the focus of Identify and Pray.



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Week 2: Engage

1. Preparation:

- Will there be any new people joining the MC? If so, make sure to have the “Living With Intentionality” activity available.
- Were there any specific missional challenges given to the group that need followed up? In your preparation, make sure you make time to discuss people’s participation in the challenge and how God moved.
- Know what questions from the Mission Component you are going to focus on ahead of time.

2. Opening Questions (Pick 1):

- Take time to walk through the “Living With Intentionality” activity, especially if there are new people present who have not gone through MyCircle. (Walk through this activity at least twice outside of the MyCircle Training.)
- When do you find it difficult to have confidence in: God, His Gospel, and His desire to work through you in bringing the Gospel to others? In what ways can we grow more confident in these areas?
- What is the difference between being present in someone’s life versus having a Gospel presence? Why is having a Gospel presence important?
- Do you recognize the great love and generosity God has extended to you in Christ? Do you feel you should extend that same type of love and generosity to others? Why or why not?

3. Discussion Questions (Pick 1 or 2):

- Busyness is a common roadblock to engaging others. How have you overcome the busyness in your life so that you are postured to engage those in your circle at least once per week?
- What are the obstacles that hinder you from spending time with the people God has placed in your life? (i.e. fear, schedule, prejudice, selfishness, energy, not knowing how, etc.)? What steps can you begin to take to overcome these obstacles?
- Did you engage anyone last week in at least one of the following ways: spent time with them, was a tangible blessing, prayed with them, invited them to connect to the broader Christian community? What was the fruit of this activity?



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- Jesus did not send His disciples into the mission field alone. Not only do we have His Spirit (which is sufficient!), but He also gave us other believers. Look at who is in your circle. What other believers can you partner with to reach out to your circle? Who can help you reach out to the person for whom you have the biggest burden?
- Who in your circle has a need that you could meet this week? This need could be: food, someone to listen, yard work/housework, they are lonely, they are in a crisis, etc.
- How have you seen God move when you engaged with people? Through the time you have spent with them? When you were a tangible blessing for them? When you prayed with them? When you invited them to connect to the broader Christian community?

4. Group Challenges (2 Times per year):

- Random Act of Kindness
 - Challenge the group to do a random act of kindness for someone prior to the next Missional Community.
 - This could be for someone in the circle and/or something they do for someone they do not know.
 - Important:** make sure the person receiving the blessing knows that the act of kindness is done in the name of Jesus. This is not meant to be done in secret (although we are not trying to draw unnecessary attention ourselves either). This is meant to provide an opportunity for that person to have a meaningful Gospel encounter.
 - Ask the person if you can pray for them (if you are feeling bold!).
- Grocery Store Blessing
 - When you are buying your groceries at the store, help pay for a portion of the groceries for the person behind you in line.
 - The amount is up to you.
 - Important:** make sure the person receiving the blessing knows that the act of kindness is done in the name of Jesus.
 - Ask the person if you can pray for them (if you are feeling bold!).

5. Close in prayer:

- That God would use each person in the group to display the Gospel in the lives of others.
- That God would give each person boldness so that no obstacle to hinder them from engaging others.
- Pray for the people in your circle to see Jesus.



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Week 3: Share

1. Preparation:

- Will there be any new people coming to the group? If so, have some fresh copies of the "Grace Story" and "Articulating the Gospel" activities present.
- Were there any specific missional challenges given to the group that need follow up?
- Know what questions from the Mission Component you are going to focus on ahead of time.

2. Opening Questions (Pick 1):

- On a regular basis (especially when new people are present), walk through the "Grace Story" and the "Articulating the Gospel" activities.
- If the Gospel is truly good news why do you think so many followers of Christ are nervous, fearful, or filled with anxiety about sharing their testimony or the The Gospel message? If this is true of us, how can we move forward in sharing this Good News?
- Why should a clear understanding of who Christ is and what He has done motivate us to share that with others?
- Are you convinced that God desires to work through you, in the world you live in everyday, for His glory?

3. Discussion Questions (Pick 1 or 2):

- We are challenged to share the Gospel and/or our testimony with at least one person per month. Who were you able to share with in the past month? What was their response to this conversation? What are your next steps?
- Who in your circle are you going to share either your testimony and/or the Gospel message with this month? What challenges could hinder you?
- Are you confident in sharing the Gospel? If not, what would help you grow in confidence? Are you confident in sharing your testimony with others? If, not what would help you grow in confidence?
- How have you seen God move through the proclamation of His Gospel in the lives of the people in your circle? (This could include someone embracing Christ; increased interest in the Christ; asking a lot of question; attending a church service, Missional Community; Reading the bible, willingness to engage a resource with you.)
- In your conversations with others about Christ and the Gospel, have you been asked a question that you have not known how to answer and/or found very difficult to respond to?



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- In what ways can the believers in your circle help you share The Gospel?
- With the understanding that the Gospel is one complete message, what aspects of the Gospel do you find easier to articulate? Why do you think they are easier for you to share this over other aspects of the Gospel? What aspects of the Gospel do you find the most difficult to share? Why do you think they are more difficult to share?
- How have you used the Scriptures in your Gospel proclamation and in sharing your testimony?

4. Group Exercise (2 Times per year):

- "Sharing Your Story" activity and "Articulating the Gospel" activity (page 30 of the MyCircle Training workbook)
 - This is taken right out of session five of the MyCircle training. The group will go through this exercise at least once a year when they walk through the training. However, have the group walk through this activity at least one more time throughout the year.

5. Close in prayer:

- That God would open doors for the Gospel to be proclaimed in the lives of the people in your circle.
- That God would give each of you boldness and clarity to share Christ to those very same people.
- That God would open the eyes of lost hearts to see the glory of God in the face of Christ.
- Have group members pray for the people they have a specific burden to share the Gospel message with in the next month. (This can be done silently or out loud.)

Week 4: MyCircle Night

Remind the group that next week you will not be meeting because it is a MyCircle Week. The reason for doing this is to challenge everyone in the group to engage at least one person in their circle during the time they would normally be at group. Naturally, we do not want to be legalistic about the time, but we also do not want group members to look at this as a "night off". The goal is that we would see the group posture themselves to intentionally spend time with someone in their circle. Ideally this would be everyone opening their home up to share a meal with someone who does not know Christ for the purposes of building the relationship, being a blessing, and pointing them to Christ. Then on the following week, take some time to celebrate what God did in that time and how the group can be praying for the people who were engaged.



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“Omaha!”: What to do when a non-Christian comes to the group for the first time.

As we see missional activity increase in the lives of Christ’s people it is likely we will see non-Christians come into our Missional Communities. We want our MyCircle Catalysts, Missional Community Leaders, and group members to be prepared for when this occurs. The plan outlined here is what we would like to see happen.

Step 1: Prepare the group

- Walk through this plan with the entire group so no one is taken by surprise when a non-Christian joins you. It would be helpful to remind the group a couple of times a year.
- Let the group know they may be asked to share their Grace Story of how Jesus saved them. Remember to have them include the Gospel when they share.
- If someone in the MC knows ahead of time that a non-Christian is going to attend, that person should inform the MCL and/or MCC.
- If a non-Christian attends without anyone knowing ahead of time, go right into steps 2-6 after the completion of the Truth Component. This is one reason why it is important to prepare the group.

Step 2: Skip the plan

- Whatever aspect of the Mission Component that was planned, set it aside and walk through the contingency laid out here.
- When it is time for the Mission Component, say something like: “This evening we are going to have a couple of us share our Grace Stories of how God been so good to us.” **DO NOT SAY THAT YOU DOING THIS BECAUSE THERE IS A LOST PERSON AND/OR A NEW PERSON JOINING US. LET IT BE A SMOOTH TRANSITION INTO PEOPLE SHARING THEIR GRACE STORIES.**

Step 3: Have 2-4 people share their Grace Story

- If you can, prepare the ones who will share ahead of time. Either by contacting them prior to the group or while group members are socializing at the beginning.
- Make sure each person understands they are to share for 5-7 minutes.

Step 4: Read Scripture

- When the last person has finished read one of the following passages: John 3:16-21; Romans 3:19-26; Ephesians 2:1-10.
- Resist the desire to teach the passage, keep it simple by just reading it.



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Step 5: Remind the group of 2 important things

- 1. What great gifts we have been given through Jesus Christ: our sins forgiven, we have been brought back into a relationship with God, and given new life! All of this has been given by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and what He has done: dying on the cross for our sin and rising again from the dead.
 - The grace stories that were shared remind us of this great Truth!
- 2. Because of this amazing message and our love for others, let us be compelled to bring this good news to others in word and deed.

Step 6: Close in prayer

- Thank God for the gift of Jesus Christ and for His love and forgiveness.
- Thank Him for the Grace Stories that were told and how they point others to the Truth that He is alive and the Gospel is His power to save.
- That His people would be motivated by their love for God and others to share this Good News with the world.

Step 7: Turn it back over to the MCL for the close of the meeting.