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# Missional Pocket Guide

## 5 Simple Practices To Change Your World

A Companion Guide to  
*Discover Your Mission Now*

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## Introduction

### From John Wentz

This small pocket guide is created to help you understand the basic elements of what it means be on mission and help people find their way back to God. If everyone used the five simple practices of B.L.E.S.S. in their lives everyday, we could change the world! Use this guide to remind you of these practices and share them with others.



## The Jesus Mission

At COMMUNITY, we have committed ourselves to the mission of Jesus and simply say it like this: helping people find their way back to God. This mission is made up of three tasks:



**Reach:** First, we must reach people who are far from God. Jesus said to his disciples, “Go into all the world and make disciples,” (Matthew 28:19) and we are accepting that challenge to “go” and be a people who will reach people who are far from God.



**Restore:** We must also restore God’s dream for the world. Jesus said, “God has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor”. (Luke 4:18) Restoring the world was a part of Jesus’ mission and it is also a part of how we bless the world.



**Reproduce:** We must then reproduce the mission in others. Jesus’ vision was that his mission would go from *Jerusalem... Judea... Samaria... and to the ends of the earth*” (Acts 1:8). We need to reproduce the mission and life of Jesus in others as well if we want to bless the world.





## What Does It Mean To BLESS the World?

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## God Is At Work All Around You

You can find God at work in every person and every place. In the playground, at school, in the office, gym, bar, neighborhood and anywhere else, God is *already* at work and HE is inviting YOU to join HIM.

Because God is already at work, you don't have to start something new or add things to your schedule to bless the world. Instead you need to begin with prayer and listen to what God is already doing and then join God in his work.

**The Church  
Does Not Have  
A Mission...**

**The Mission  
of God Has A  
Church.**

**Joining God's work is where we begin  
to BLESS the world.**



## God's Mission is Our Mission

Many people are **far from God**.  
The world is **broken**.  
The problem is **systemic**.

### Therefore:



God is working to **REACH** all people.



God is working to **RESTORE** his dream for the world.



God is working to **REPRODUCE** his Mission in everyone.

Reach, Restore, Reproduce: We Call this:  
**The Jesus Mission**



## Being Missional is for Every Christ Follower

### You Can Do It!

"But YOU will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

### You will receive power...

You may say to yourself that you could not lead a group of people or help people find their way back to God but Jesus wants you to know that You Can Do This! Not only have you been given responsibility, you have been given POWER!

### When the Holy Spirit comes upon you...

We remember that our power and effectiveness comes as we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives.

### To Help People Find Their Way Back To God

This isn't just a church mission, or a neighborhood mission, it's a plan to restore the entire world to what God has in mind.





## Reach

Those Who Are Far From God

The 3 R's



Watch a story from COMMUNITY about reaching others.



## Restore

God's Dream For The World

The 3 R's



Watch a story from COMMUNITY about restoring God's dream.



## Reproduce

The 3 R's

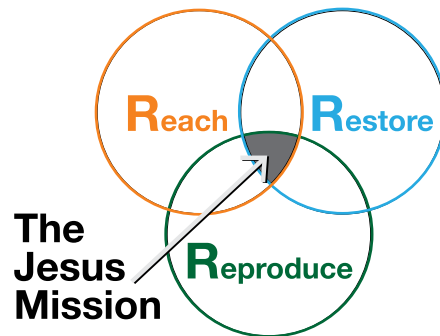
The Mission of Jesus in Others



Watch a story from COMMUNITY about reproducing.



The Jesus Mission is  
**ALL THREE**



The  
Jesus  
Mission

Reach

Restore

Reproduce

**Not Just One Part**



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How Can I BLESS  
The World?

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## Step 1: Identify Who or Where You Want to BLESS



**BLESS where you already are**

What people and places do you already spend your time with?



**BLESS somewhere that needs you**

What people and places is God calling you to bless that you aren't already?

**Remember:** You might start in either place. Ultimately though, God wants us to bless people where we already are AND in places that have needs where he is already at work.



## Step 2: Join God's Work

### The Five Missional Practices

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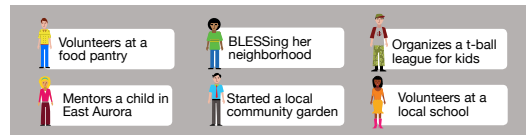
Continue to Learn About BLESS



## Step 3: Team Up With Others

### Small Groups With Multiple Missions

We believe every Christ follower is called to BLESS. Every person in this type of group has identified their unique place to go and BLESS. When the group meets they discuss and support each other in their individual missions.



### Small Groups With One Mission

This type of Small Groups chooses a common mission context to BLESS. Group members can also BLESS in their everyday contexts. However, this group has committed special attention to join God's work together in one context.



Adopted a local refugee family



**Spend time praying for your context and reflect on the following questions:**

**In Places**

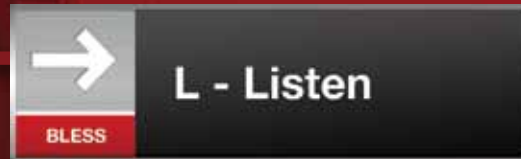
- Where does pain exist here? Pray for healing.
- Who holds the power here? Pray for integrity.
- Who throws the parties here? Pray for community.
- Where are the pennies spent here? Pray for provision.

*Pray that God's Kingdom come and his will be done, just like it is in heaven.*

**In People**

- Do I know these people's names?
- What would be "good news" to these people?
- In what ways are these people curious about spirituality?

*Pray that God would provide needed resources and relationships. Pray that God would forgive and help us to forgive. Pray that God would protect people from temptation and deliver them from evil.*



**What specific things are you learning about your context?**

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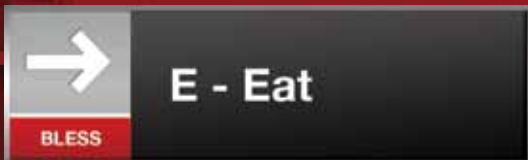
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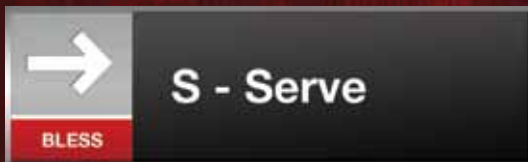
Who can I share some of my 21 weekly meals with?

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**Ask Yourself:** Before I jump into serving, have I taken time to pray for, listen to and eat with these people? Do they want me to serve?



**Share your story with people.**

- Before you share your story, take time to know what the other person's story is. As you listen and eat with the person, you will understand what parts of your story you should share.
- How can what has happened in my life be a blessing to someone else? Share that story!
- How has God made a difference in your life?
- Share your story in such a way that demonstrates that God is also at work in their life.
- Don't feel like you have to tell your life story at once. Think "bite-size" stories.

# You were born with a God-given mission for your life.

Through each person that God brings into this world he also gives birth to a mission. It is knowing and living out your God-given mission that brings purpose, meaning and a fulfilling way to make a difference with your days.

This *Missional Pocket Guide* is a companion to the book, *Discover Your Mission Now*. Use it to help you discover your mission by implementing the BLESS practices in your life.

*Discover Your Mission Now* is available from Missio Publishing ([missiopublishing.com](http://missiopublishing.com)) and Big Idea Resources ([bigidearesources.com](http://bigidearesources.com))



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