

Missionary Pathway Overview

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MODULE ONE - WE'RE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MISSION OF GOD

Outcome

Gain a vision for Gospel Saturation and Disciple Making Movements, and discover your role in it.

Brief Description

We long to see Gospel Saturation and Disciple Making Movements take over our towns and cities. The amazing news is that God is already doing similar things around the world and we have the opportunity to join Him. This module will provide a brief overview of what the Lord is doing through movements and help us begin to see our place in them.

Training

[Church Planting Movements Video](#) / [Gospel Saturation \(KC Underground\)](#)

Tool

Read [The Missionary Pathway Primer](#) before the Huddle begins

Group facilitation guide

- Spend time on introductions.
- Ask: why do you want to participate in this huddle?
OR What are you most excited to learn and implement during this huddle?
- What stood out to you in your reading on the Missionary Pathway and watching the video on Church Planting Movements?
- In the first article of the reading, there are 9 paradigm shifts listed that many Westerners have to make. Which ones stood out/were the most challenging/most intriguing? (See the list to the right.)

Create I WILL statements

In light of what God is showing you, what will you specifically do between now and next week?

PARADIGM SHIFTS

Think: Extraordinary prayer as the power

Don't think: Human strategy as the power

Think: Planting the Gospel in existing networks of relationships

Don't think: Extract people so we can disciple them in church

Think: Obedience-based discipleship

Don't think: Knowledge-based discipleship

Think: Discovery-based learning

Don't think: Lecture-based teaching

Think: Send the ordinary and willing

Don't think: Send the gifted experts

Think: Disciple groups of people

Don't think: Discipleship only means one-on-one

Think: Disciple to and through conversion

Don't think: Evangelism then discipleship

Think: Viral multiplication

Don't think: Addition

Think: "Spiritual families" and microchurches

Don't think: "Church"



MODULE TWO - EXTRAORDINARY PRAYER AND FASTING 1 - PART 1

Outcome

Discover to whom and where you are called.

Brief Description

The first stop in the missionary pathway is to discover whom God is calling us to disciple and with whom God is asking us to partner on this adventure. Disciple-making begins with us first abiding in Jesus. It begins with us knowing the heart of God, recognizing His voice through Bible study and prayer, and then obeying His words. Abiding well in Christ will help us gain clear insight into whom Jesus wants us to disciple and where He is calling us to be on mission.

Personal DBS: Acts 10:1-48

Journal Prompt: Take a minute and ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate these passages, and jot down what stands out for you.

- What does this tell you about God?
- What does this tell you about people/you?
- How do prayer and mission go together in this passage?
- How can you specifically live out this passage? (Create an I WILL statement)

Training

- [Where to Begin video](#)
- [Beginning with Prayer Video](#)

Tools

- [Relationship Mapping Document](#)
- [Introduction video](#)

Group Facilitation Guide

- Spend time in prayer and circle back to your I WILL Statements (either in large or smaller breakout groups).
- Read John 15:1-8 together. Ask some or all of the following questions:
 - What stands out to you?
 - How do prayer and mission relate to one another?
 - As disciple-makers, do you find this passage encouraging? Challenging? Why?
- What stood out to you in the video about prayer preceding Disciple Making Movements?
- Did God reveal anything in your listening prayer activity?
- What did you learn from the video/blog this week discussing the three things needed as you begin your journey: *Desperate Prayer, Identifying your Context, and Forming a Team*?
- Break off into small groups and go over your Relational Mapping Exercises.
 - Did anything stand out?
 - Do you have a feel of to whom or where God is calling you?
 - What teammates do you have or is God calling you to invite others to join you? And what does team look like for you?
- Create I WILL statements. In light of what God is showing you, what will you do this week?



MODULE THREE - EXTRAORDINARY PRAYER AND FASTING - PART 2 (LISTENING PRAYER AND CONTENDING PRAYER)

Outcome

Become a practitioner of prayer walking and blessing others with authority.

Brief Description

Extraordinary prayer involves both listening and contending prayer. Listening prayer allows us to come to God with a posture of receiving his instructions for mission. Contending prayer is a "Kingdom Come prayer" that operates comfortably in the supernatural, expecting signs and wonders, dealing with the demonic, and knowing how to partner with the Holy Spirit. Two ways we practice this sort of prayer is through prayer walking and blessing others using our BLESS 5 tool. These types of prayer harness the spiritual authority God has delegated to us as we exercise the power of blessing. In simple terms, contending prayer is focused on praying for God's kingdom to come to the people and places the Lord has called us to reach. Just as Jesus taught us, we pray, "Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Personal DBS: Luke 5:1-11

Journal Prompt: Take a minute and ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate these passages, and jot down what stands out for you.

- What does this tell you about God?
- What does this tell you about people/you?
- How can you specifically live out this passage? (Create an I WILL statement)

Training

[Listening Prayer and Contending Prayer Video](#)

Testimony

- [Laura's Story](#)
- Prayer Walking: Joining God on Mission

Tools

- [BLESS 5 and Prayer Walking Guide](#)
- [Introduction video](#)

Group Facilitation Guide

- Spend time in prayer and circle back to your I WILL Statements (either in large or smaller breakout groups).
- Read Matthew 9:35-38 together. Ask: What stands out to you in this passage, particularly in terms of spreading the Good News of Jesus?
- What did you learn from the Luke 5 passage this week?
- What stood out to you about the 2 testimonies (Laura's story and the prayer walking story)?
- What stood out to you regarding Contending prayer (and Blessing prayer)? Is this new to you?
- Who is on your BLESS 5, and why?
- **This week, instead of an I WILL statement, have everyone commit to praying over their BLESS 5's, with particular focus on blessing people on their list (as well as challenging them to go on a prayer walk using the suggested guide).**



MODULE FOUR - LIVE ON MISSION- PART 1

Outcome

Recognize how to be good news to your context, in order to discover Persons(s) of Peace.

Brief Description

When we live out the good news of Jesus by being a blessing to those whom God has called us, we are able to discover people of peace (those who God is already drawing to himself, who are open to our message, and who act as relational gateways to others). This module also unpacks the BLESS tool, which helps us to live out missional rhythms in our everyday spaces. As we live out these rhythms, we're able to recognize which needs feel the most pressing to our missional context and then respond with compassionate acts of service and supernatural encounters. This will oftentimes lead us to new friendships and spiritual conversations.

PERSONAL DBS: Luke 10:1-12

Journal Prompt: Take a minute and ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate these passages, and jot down what stands out for you.

- What does this tell you about God?
- What does this tell you about people/you?
- What do you learn about how the Gospel moves?
- How can you specifically live out this passage? (Create an I WILL statement)

Training

[Person of Peace video](#) (Zume)

Tools

- [BLESS Pocketguide](#)
- [Introduction video](#)

Group facilitation guide

- Spend time in prayer and discuss your experience praying from a place of authority using the BLESS 5 practice. Share stories - What is God up to (either in large or smaller breakout groups)?
- Read Mark 2:13-17 together. What do we learn about how Jesus reaches people? Who is the Person of Peace in this passage?
- What did you learn from the Luke 10 passage and the video this week? Why do you think the Person of Peace is such a significant piece of Gospel Movements?
- The BLESS Rhythms help us live on mission in our everyday contexts. What stood out to you about the concept of the BLESS Rhythms? What part of BLESS is helpful for you, or you can immediately implement in your context?
- Create I WILL statements. In light of what God is showing you, what will you do this week?



MODULE FIVE - LIVE ON MISSION - PART 2

Outcome

Learn how to initiate spiritual conversations with potential Persons of Peace.

Brief Description

Evangelism can be a scary concept for many Christians. The word itself carries a lot of baggage, including perceived pressure to convince people to move from unbelief to belief through our carefully crafted presentations. But what if evangelism had more to do with highlighting aspects of the Kingdom of God, asking good questions, and inviting people to discover more about Jesus than it does convincing someone to believe something they don't yet believe? This module will focus on practical ways to engage people in spiritual discussions and invite them to discover for themselves the teachings of Jesus.

Personal DBS: John 4:1-42

Journal Prompt: Take a minute and ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate these passages, and jot down what stands out for you.

- What does this tell you about God?
- What does this tell you about people/you?
- How can you specifically live out this passage? (Create an I WILL statement)

Training

- [Spiritual Conversations Podcast](#)
- [Spiritual Conversations Video](#)

Tools

- FROG
- 15 Second Stories
- Invitation to Discover

Group facilitation guide

- Spend time in prayer and circle back to your I WILL Statements. Share stories of how God is showing up in the lives of those on your BLESS 5 list.
- Quickly recap participants' personal DBS of John 4 together. ASK: What do we learn about spiritual conversations by looking at this example of Jesus?
- Spend time discussing the video and the podcast: What was your biggest takeaway? What was different/encouraging about this way of going about spiritual conversations?
- Discuss the tools:
 - Share some of the FROG questions you came up
 - Have people share their 15 second stories
 - Have people share how they would word an invitation to a Discovery Bible Study
- Create I WILL statements. Encourage people to be intentional about having meaningful and spiritual conversations with people on their BLESS 5 list



MODULE SIX - PLANT THE GOSPEL

Outcome

Learn how to make new disciples with the discovery process.

Brief Description

In essentially every movement we see a discipleship method that is DISCOVERY based (very little proclamation or teaching) and OBEDIENCE based (a focus on immediate response to the words in the Bible over knowledge). Spiritually interested people are invited to do a Discovery Bible Study right where they are. This module will focus on the Discovery Bible Study (DBS) method, and how anyone can begin to make disciples no matter how experienced they are with it.

Personal DBS: Acts 16:6-34

Journal Prompt: Take a minute and ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate these passages, and jot down what stands out for you.

- What does this tell you about God?
- What does this tell you about people/you?
- How can you specifically live out this passage? (Create an I WILL statement)

Training

- [DBS Video](#)
- [DBS Training Video](#)

Tool

[DBSgroups.com](#) (DBS bookmarks and other tools)

Group facilitation guide

- Spend time in prayer and circle back to your I WILL Statements. Share stories of how God is showing up in the lives of those on your BLESS 5 list.
- Why do you think some form of Discovery Bible Study is present in every Disciple Making Movement we can track around the word?

**Practice a Full DBS together as a group: LUKE 18:9-14

- Pick a facilitator (someone else in the group)
 - Using the following questions, have the facilitator go through the entire process

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

Connect

- What are you thankful for?
- What's a challenge you're facing?
- How did you do with last week's I WILL statement?
- Did you share what we talked about with anyone?

Discover

- Read the passage.
- Have someone put it in their own words.
- What stands out to you?
- What does this text say about God?
- What does this text say about people?

Go

- How can you specifically live out this passage in the next few days? (Everyone creates an I WILL statement)
- Who are you going to tell about what you discovered?

Debrief on the DBS process

- What stood out to you about DBS?
- Could you see yourself discipling people using the simple method?



MODULE SEVEN - MICROCHURCH EMERGES AND MULTIPLICATION

Outcome

Learn how new microchurches emerge out of groups of new disciples, and how to live out the rhythms of worship, community, and mission.

Brief Description

In the Bible there is no such thing as “church planting.” As new groups of people surrendered their lives to the Lordship of Jesus, new families of faith emerged. We call this “the Church.” As we look at how the Gospel is rapidly multiplying all over the world, the form of church can be described as “microchurch” settings. Whether in homes, coffeeshops, under bridges or in backyards, wherever the people of God gather and live out the rhythms of Worship, Community, and Mission, we have “church.” Additionally, in order to see new disciples and new microchurches emerge, we need to replicate new leaders. This module will focus on discovering the paradigm of church we see in the Bible, how to transition from a DBS to a “microchurch,” and introduce the idea of multiplying leaders.

Personal DBS: 2 Timothy 2:1-2

Journal Prompt: Take a minute and ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate these passages, and jot down what stands out for you.

- What does this tell you about God?
- What does this tell you about people/you?
- How can you specifically live out this passage? (Create an I WILL statement)

Training

- [New Microchurches Emerge](#)
- [Moving from DBS to “church”](#)
- Microchurch Gathering: A Simple Format (document)

Testimony

Examples of Microchurches: 1. [Neighborhood](#) 2. [Network](#)

Tool

[What's Next](#)

Journal Prompt

- What was the biggest take-away from this huddle?
- What's next for this huddle group? Could you see this group becoming an ongoing team or microchurch?
- Are there people in your BLESS 5 who are ready to be invited into a Discovery Bible Study?(Spend a few minutes praying over that list again and writing out who you think might be ready for an invitation to discover more about God)
- Make a list of other believers who might be interested in going through this huddle training. Is your next step replicating this huddle with other potential missional Christians?
- What are the 1-3 big next steps you feel the Spirit directing you towards in the coming days and weeks? Get as practical and specific as you can.

Group facilitation guide:

- Spend time in prayer and circle back to your I WILL Statements. Share stories of how God is showing up in the lives of those on your BLESS 5 list.
- Go over your personal DBS of 2 Timothy:1-2. How many generations of multiplication are represented in that passage?
- Did God reveal anything to you in terms of re-imagining the church? Could you see yourself being involved in new church expressions that emerge out of DBS groups and new disciples?
- What stood out to you about the testimonies?
- Debrief: What were the biggest takeaways from this huddle? And, what are your specific next steps following this huddle?
- Discuss the next step of this huddle (could this group become an ongoing team, or mature into a microchurch?)
- Pray as a group to conclude this huddle. Pray for each other.

