

How to Touch Lives
 On Mission With God (part 3)
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L: Listen

Introduction:

Review:

What is the Missio Dei?	You are called to be on Christ's mission to seek and save the lost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Sent" theme in John (John 20:21) ▪ Why answer God's call?
What can keep us from answering Jesus' call to reach people?	Don't get hung up, instead answer the call!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fear ▪ Busyness ▪ Lack of Compassion ▪ We underestimate the harvest

☞ **Practicals:**

- Take regular walks in your neighborhood & take advantage of meeting your neighbors and talking with them
- Walk your dog
- At your workplace—take a break and walk around, take advantage of the coffee room
- Wave at your neighbors when they drive by
- Learn to ask good questions!

 **Main Point: Be a blessing**

B: Begin with prayer

E: Eat

☞ **Practicals:**

- Make a map of your neighborhood or office cubicles & pray for your neighbors & co-workers by name
- Join us for one corporate (group)prayer time each month

☞ **Practicals:**

- Invite your friends or neighbors over for dinner
- Have lunch with a colleague at work
- Go to parties when invited

S: Serve

Practicals:

- Listen—Get to know them & find out their needs
- When there is need, bring them a meal (sickness, having a baby, maybe just being busy)
- Co-workers—help them in their work or with simple gestures
- Pray with them
- Being willing to ask for their help
 - If you want your friends and neighbors to feel free to ask you for favors, you need to first feel free to ask them for favors
 - You are teaching & modeling to people how to live in community

S: Story

Practicals:

- Ask your discipleship trainer to go through the Destined lesson on sharing your story
- Not in discipleship relationship? Email Beth, Ollie or Wayne

Invite

- Invite people to a church event—Examples:
 - Special events at Hope—e.g.—Girls' Night Out, Fatherhood seminar, Family Fun Night Pool Party
 - Special services—Baptism, Thanksgiving, Christmas & Easter
 - Various series on Sunday morning
 - Alpha

Conclusion

- **Be a blessing!**
 - **B**egin w/ prayer
 - **L**isten
 - **E**at
 - **S**erve
 - **S**tory- Share your story

Commitment

- I commit to be on mission with Jesus by embracing outreach as a lifestyle—i.e., as God gives me grace and power, I will reach out to those in my sphere of influence with the love and good news of Jesus Christ
- I commit to ask God to use me to bring one unchurched person to Alpha this January
- I commit to attend at least one corporate (group) prayer time every month for this upcoming ministry year, barring unforeseen circumstances
- Optional: I would like to know more about the one-hour monthly cohorts that will help equip me and hold me accountable to take the steps I feel led by God to take to reach those in my sphere of influence