

# THE FIRST 3 MONTHS OF A MC

*5 important things when launching/relaunching an missional community*

## **1. Become a Family- Build Relationships**

*Have everyone share their "story"*

- Share who you are. What makes you you? Tell your story before Christ and tell us how Jesus has and is changing your life.

*Share meals together weekly*

- Practice having gospel conversations. Talk about what your week has been like following Jesus. How did you struggle? How did you see God at work? Ask lots of questions. Discuss things from Sundays sermon.

*Celebrate birthdays, promotions, anniversaries, etc at your meals*

- Love one another well!

*Get as many people as you can connected in DNAs*

- Ask your coach/elder for good ways to start new DNAs
- Ask your coach/elder for good DNA curriculum and resources

*Develop unscheduled gatherings*

- start sharing normal, everyday life
- hobby together, have meals, go to the park, double dates, play dates

## **2. Cast Vision for Missional Community**

*Found/Form your people in the Gospel, gospel-community, & gospel-mission*

- Use "Becoming a Disciple", the MC Primer, or teach through Gospel Identity and Rhythms to help people understand what it means to "be the church".
- Ask your coach/elder how they have done this.
- Make it clear that what you are doing is not a bible study, small group, or support group. It's a gospel-community on mission.

## **3. Form a Missional Community Commitment**

*Move toward forming a commitment.*

- Meet with your coach/elder before you start this process and ask lots of questions
- Think 6 months at a time. How is God calling us to live out our Identity of family, missionaries, and servants over the next 6 months. Be as specific as possible and listen to the Spirit.
- Make your missional commitment as specific as possible, but don't make an idol of "mission". (Remember mission is the overflow and response to lives changed by God's grace. There will always be proactive and reactive nature to mission).

## **4. Identify Emerging Leaders and Plan for Multiplication Early**

Share leadership in the group, giving your "leaders in training" roles that fit their gifts.

Invite your emerging leader(s) to MC leader trainings and coaching meetings if they can make it.

## **5. Cultivate Dependency on the Holy Spirit**

- Pray, pray, pray, and pray
- Celebrate every small step of growth and victory along the way
- Remember making disciples is God's work, he has given his Spirit to empower the task, take a deep breath and enjoy journeying with God!