

FUEL FOR THE MISSION

John 15.4-9

WHAT IS THE STRATEGY?

Abiding: to dwell, endure, remain, continue, last

The task of making disciples of all nations is far to big for us. We need to have the power of God working *through us*, but first we need the power of God working *in us*. God's glory must be both the goal *and the fuel* of our mission.

MEANS OF GRACE

Acts 2.42-47

The three *primary* means God gives us to help us abide in the Gospel are the Word, prayer, and Gospel community. There is a way to "do" these things and not have it affect us, but when we see these as conduits that give us a pathway to the Gospel, we will find ourselves abiding in the love, grace, and power of God.

**Spiritual disciplines can trim the roots of sin,
but only the Gospel can pull the roots out.**

- John Owen

1. **The Word of God:** 2 Timothy 3.16, 17 // Jeremiah 15.16

**We can't even read each other's minds, much less what is in
the mind of God. God has clothed His thoughts in words,
and there is no way to know Him except by knowing the Scriptures.**

- John Stott

2. **Prayer:** Matthew 6.33

**Prayer is about seeking God Himself.
He is the good we seek, not His answer.**

- Kyle Strobel

3. **Gospel Community:** Hebrews 3.13 // Philippians 1.27, 28

Our faith is personal, but it is not private.

YOUR DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGY

Our church is committed to making these three means of grace the most primary thing that we pursue as our means to grow in the Gospel. We deeply believe that these streams lead us to the fountain of the power of God's glory that goes to work in our hearts. How can you pursue a strategy of pursuing these for 2018?

WORD // PRAYER // GOSPEL COMMUNITY // DISCIPLING OTHERS // EVANGELISM

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Ephesians 2:1-2

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 15.4-9**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday? _____

Now read **Acts 2.42-47**. What notable results do you see that occur when the church body is devoted to the Word, prayer, and community? How does it seem they were devoted, and what should being devoted to these things look like today? _____

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

How do all these Scriptures point you back to Christ to help you prioritize as you chart the course of your life? What particular truth can help keep you focused on the Gospel? _____

Repent and Confess

What do you see in these verses that expose a particular sin or behavior in your life? For many, "abiding" is a struggle. Are you neglecting the Word, prayer, community, or a combo of those three? Are there other things that you are "abiding in" that have taken priority, such as social life, work, stress, fear, or sin? _____

Ask for Provision

In light of this truth and confession, what do you need to ask for from the Lord? What fruit of the Spirit are you needing? _____

Your Life Mission

Considering these three means of grace, how can you as a group help each other come up with a plan for discipleship growth? Write out ways you can prioritize this.

For example, Scripture memory, Fight Club partners, plans for dinners or coffee with non-believers. Brainstorm on how to have a working strategy for these.

WORD: _____
PRAYER: _____
COMMUNITY: _____
DISCIPING OTHERS: _____
EVANGELISM: _____

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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SUNDAYS AT 10AM

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