

5 Essentials of Being on Mission Together

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People — Who are the specific non-Christian people (approximately 8 to 12) you believe God has called your group to pursue and give their best time, love, prayer, and tangible service to throughout the week? Lead your group to discern together prayerfully who God is calling you to pursue together.

Places — Where are the specific places and relational contexts your group will commit to love and pursue these people regularly? Lead your group to discern prayerfully the best times, places, and ways to spend time with people. The key is to determine when and where you can spend time with them consistently and as a group—minimum two to three points of contact each month.

Proclamation — How will your group specifically proclaim the Gospel through word and deed on a regular basis to these people you're deepening friendship with? Your group needs to discern prayerfully how to demonstrate and talk about the love of Jesus practically, creatively, and genuinely on a regular basis.

Plan — What is the specific weekly and monthly plan your group has to live life together with the intentionality and focus identified above? Your group needs to discern prayerfully how to organize your lives and create a plan to live together with this intentionality. Great intentions without a specific plan usually lead to a lack of fruitfulness. Be specific. Be consistent. Be focused. Your group doesn't need to commit to ten things on a monthly basis. Do a few things regularly with the same people, and do them well. Remember, the goal is to go as deep as possible in relationship with the eight to twelve people God has called your group to love and serve.

Prayer — How will your group pray for these people, places, and details in a focused way? Your group needs to discern prayerfully when, where, how, and for whom you will pray in a focused way. Prayer is the power that helps change hearts and minds leading to transformed lives. It's the fuel for mission.