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MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES

The mission of God is to restore all things to himself in and through the work and person of Jesus Christ. His chosen vehicle through which he is accomplishing that mission is the church. The church is the family of God called to together to Himself and sent out on his mission. Missional Communities are the primary means through which we mobilize people together on mission and connect people to a caring community.

WHAT IS A MISSIONAL COMMUNITY?

A Missional Community consists of a committed core of believers (FAMILY) who live out the mission of God together (MISSIONARIES) in a specific area or to a particular people group by demonstrating the gospel in tangible forms (SERVANTS) and declaring the gospel to others—both those who believe it and those who are being exposed to it (LEARNERS). To clarify, a Missional Community is *NOT primarily* a small group, Bible study, support group, social activist group, or weekly meeting.

Our hope is that every person who is committed to the CoC family and mission will be fully involved in a Missional Community and eventually the Missional Communities in a region will multiply and together form a new local church.

Consider this... The life of the church as recorded in Acts 2:42-47 came as a result of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the lives of a people collectively committed to the mission of God. The description we read about in Acts was not the *means* of becoming a great church, but the *results* of God working through a people committed to him and his mission.

We believe God is still more committed to his mission being accomplished than us having our preferred church experience. Missional Communities exist to partner with God to further his mission in every part of our region.

EACH MISSIONAL COMMUNITY WILL:

1. Be led by a team committed to leading, shepherding, equipping and organizing a community on mission
2. Grow together in understanding and application of the gospel to who we are (Identity) because of God's work in and through Jesus
3. Live the life of a family on mission together and BE the church together throughout the week
4. Identify, equip and release new leadership to begin new Missional Communities

PATHWAYS INTO A MISSIONAL COMMUNITY:

1. At our Sunday gathering, sign up for *The City*, our community website, and one of our leaders will connect you with a nearby MC.
2. Talk to any CoC leader, or check out the connect table.
3. Go with a friend and check out their MC.
4. Check out the MC map on the website (www.cocburbank.org) to find one near you, and contact a leader
5. Attend our monthly MC training sessions to meet the different teams and hear more about their mission.



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DNA GROUPS (Discover, Nurture, Act)

The mission of God is to restore all things to himself in and through the work and person of Jesus Christ. His chosen vehicle through which he is accomplishing that mission is the church. As God restores us to himself, he is also restoring us to be who he intends us to be. This restoring work does not happen in isolation, but rather in and through our relationships with each other as family. We don't do it alone. We need each other.

What is a DNA Group? These usually consist of three people—men with men, women with women—who meet together regularly to be known and to bring the gospel to bear on each others lives so that they grow in and live out they new identity in Christ.

DNA Groups are not about seeking the approval of people; God's approval—the only approval that matters—is already ours because of Jesus' perfect life, death and resurrection which makes us perfect. (Galatians 1:10; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

DISCOVER

1. Remind each other of our new Identity in Jesus Christ (a child of God; an ambassador of the King; a servant of the creator of the universe; a learner who is being made whole).
2. Admonish and teach one another to obey Jesus' commands. (Matthew 28:18-20; Colossians 3:15-17)
3. As you study a passage of Scripture, ask: What did you discover this week through the text? What were you reminded of? Where did the Spirit lead you to repentance and faith this week? What has God revealed about Himself?

NURTURE

1. Get to know one another's stories, listening closely to each other and to the Holy Spirit so we can carefully and empathetically direct each other to truth. (John 16:7-15)
2. Check one another's passions: *How are you doing? Who are you loving well? Not so well? Where are you living in fear? What can we celebrate with you? What are you struggling through?* (Romans 12:10,15)
3. Pray with and for each other. (Romans 12:12; Ephesians 6:18; James 5:16)

ACT

1. Encourage each other to live out what we believe through making goals and helping each other fulfill them. (Heb. 10:24-25)
2. Review the past week and how faithful we have been in keeping our word.
3. Speak the truth in love as we see areas of sin (Ephesians 4:14-16), correcting and rebuking with God's Word when necessary. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

PATHWAYS INTO A DNA GROUP:

1. Express your interest to your Missional Community leader and ask them to help you get into a DNA group.
2. Find friends who want to form a DNA group, and run that by your Missional Community leader or elders.