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TITLE: First Steps To Becoming a Missional Church

So, you and some of the folks in your church are convinced that missional living is the way to go. That's great! All you need to do is *get started*.

Here are three key things to believe and consider about moving toward missional living...

- 1. Moving your church toward missional living is absolutely possible and it is what Jesus had in mind for his Family all along! It is almost hard to believe that the church is even having this discussion about whether or not we will have the mission–discipleship– at the center of our focus and efforts. You can absolutely do this with confidence that missional living is God's will for his people!
- 2. Exposing the unbelief that people hang on to that keeps them from truly engaging missional living is key after your community embraces the gospel and the idea that discipleship was meant to be a lifestyle. God's eternal plan was *always* to fill the world with his glory by disciples of Jesus making more disciples of Jesus in every household, neighborhood, city, and nation. The Holy Spirit will guide and empower you in this eternal endeavor.
- 3. Put the date on your calendar right now that you'll challenge your church to start having one meal each week with a not-yet-believing friend or couple. Lead by example, fill your teaching and preaching with new life and stories from your own experiences as you head into new missional rhythms. Be honest about where you're at, and invite lots of folks in the community to share their experiences too. If you're not sure that your church or community is ready to dive into missional living, start by assessing where they are at in the 5 E's we spoke about:

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Thanks for listening... we'll see you in the next episode!

~Caesar