

EPISODE: 434

TITLE: **Grief According to the Gospel**

Missional communities should be an extension of our own family life patterns and missional rhythms. Like our master, Jesus, we must lead with our lives—not just our words. Our own family on mission is at the center of everything we do and what we build.

Here are three things to believe and consider about living as a family on mission...

- 1. Don't miss the normalcy of all of this all done with greater gospel intentionality.** They have a family, jobs, and kids... they are serving locally at their church. They are not programming life event to event. Most of it is people stopping by or having meals because they feel like part of the family. Heads up: What isn't good for you and life-giving is not good for those who you are trying to lead and hoping to disciple. And what *is* good for you is good for your People of Peace and those you disciple. In fact, living this way takes the pressure off!
- 2. Everyone gets to do mission in ways that fit their unique family rhythms.** There is not one perfect way to do this, and God is not up in heaven keeping track of your schedule making sure you're busy enough. You get to pray for his leading on how to better intentionalize life on mission for your family. I promise if you ask him, "What's next, Lord?" he will tell you. Then just do that and ask him again.
- 3. What are some things that you may have to lay down or trust God with in order to live more on mission as a family?** A spotless house or perfectly behaved kids? Control over your time and calendar outside of trusting God with it all? Pick one predictable pattern that you can begin to invite others to join you in. Maybe it's an open table or a smores night around the fire pit. Perhaps inviting one couple or family over for dinner each week on a predetermined night that easily fits your schedule.

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~Caesar