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TITLE: **Leading With a Missional Mindset: 10 Ways to Stay Focused**

The only mission Jesus gave us, his church and family, is to make more disciples of his. Is that the focus and priority of your life... or have other distractions and affections taken hold?

Here are three key things to believe and consider about having a missional mindset:

1. **Though we may not have been raised or taught to have a missional mindset, it is something we can develop and pass on to others.** Language creates culture; how do you speak about Jesus, his Father, and the Holy Spirit? What do not-yet believers who know you think that Christianity and the Church is all about? When people look at your life and priorities, do they see someone who has a missional mindset or something else?
2. **Jesus came and lived amongst us and died in our place so that we might once again know his Father, walk with him and lead others to do the same.** It is part of God's eternal purpose and plan to fill the world with his glory—with himself. All of that happens as we radically reorient our lives around being and making disciples of Jesus. That will never happen sitting in a church building in rows once or twice a week for an hour!
3. **Listen to and discuss these 10 missional mindset perspectives with your spouse and/or others you lead with inside your church or community.** Where is your perspective (and therefore how you live) not in line with Jesus' one mission and purpose for us all? Pick one or two that jump out at you and ask the Holy Spirit to give you a new, missional perspective and the words and abilities to lead others in the same. Please don't continue living with old or wrong perspectives that are not in line with Jesus' own worldview and mission.

See the 10 Ways to Stay Focused below...

I'd love to talk with you about all of this personally if you want help in these areas...

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

~Caesar

People and leaders with a missional mindset and discipleship focus...

1. Hold a priority in their own lives and families as being a living example of what it looks like, and how exactly one lives as a disciple and makes more disciples of Jesus. In other words, they know that discipleship is not something just preached about for those in the seats to go and try and figure out.
2. A person with a missional mindset does not bifurcate their lives into two parts: spiritual and everything else. Or ministry and real life... EXPAND Radically reorient their lives around the mission and reason we were created and saved: make disciples of Jesus.
3. They make time for people over programs and activities. They even schedule time with people, neighbors, People of peace, their community, other leaders... into their calendar as a priority instead of just trying to fit that in serendipitously.
4. A missional mindset is careful to use language that makes sense to normal people and helps to reinforce the mission of disciple-making, rather than sound like a seminary class or using a special language about the gospel that almost no one else can replicate in normal life with others. And they seek to have their preaching fuel discipleship, not behavioral` modification. The preaching and services are all a PART of discipleship and equipping for the same.
5. A missional mindset is always looking for how we **reproduce ourselves** and what we've learned and believe into the lives of others... and then helps others actually function that way too.

They seek to develop leaders among them rather than hire people from the outside to do the job that Jesus called all of us to enjoy and employ.

6. Stay clearly focused on the one true mission Jesus gave us: Make disciples. And this is over and against attendance and buildings and budgets. They count and monitor different measurements of success... like # of disciples being made, the number of true relationships that are being made with not-yet believers across the whole body, etc.
7. A missional mindset is always looking for who we can *send* versus who we can *attract*.
8. Leaders with a missional mindset are willing to "thin the crowd" by focusing on the "yeast in the dough", giving their best time and attention to those people who are longing and hungering for Jesus and his glory to expand in their lives and families and others. In that way they see more and more saints involved in the mission, and more and more people coming to know, trust and walk with Jesus.
9. They are continually growing in their gospel-fluency and hold a high value for helping others do the same as they, together, move from unbelief to belief in the gospel in more and more areas of their life.
10. A person with a missional mindset looks to have people around them who are different than them... because *together* we are the body of Christ. They look to develop and share leadership with Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Shepherds, and Teachers... knowing that this is how Jesus intended and gifted his church to function and grow to maturity. They are not looking to build up a crowd of yes-men and women who lead just like they do, or run off the prophets or apostles among the family. :-/