

A VERY BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO MISSIONAL COMMUNITY

WHAT IS A MISSIONAL COMMUNITY?

Mission + Community = Missional Community (aka sent family or family of missionaries).

If you summarize the primary functions of the church, one could say it's worship, community, and mission (Up-In-Out). MC's are a primary vehicle for *being* the church.

Here is a working definition >>> **A MC is a mid-sized (12+ people) spiritual family, led by ordinary people, who are committed to multiplying disciples and joining Jesus in his mission within a specific relational context.** <<<<<

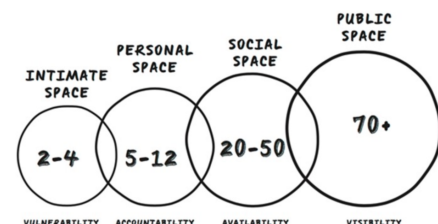
One doesn't "go" to Missional Community, one is a part of a Missional Community.

What is the mission?

Mission = to multiply disciples who make Jesus known in everyday life. Jesus commissioned his disciples to make disciples of all nations (be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth) because his plan is for everyone, everywhere. The mission is multiplying disciples. From the Story of God and the example of Jesus, we understand that discipleship occurs in community, on mission. Therefore, MC's are a primary vehicle for making disciples.

How is a MC different from a small group?

- Forms around mission.** The sent focus rather than the community (or content) is what draws and aligns the people.
- The goal.** Often the name speaks to the goal, a "community group" is a group who are seeking and building community. A "discussion group" discusses content. A MC has a goal larger than the formation of community and that's the mission of joining Jesus in making disciples.
- Size.** It's mid-sized vs. small. Social space vs. Personal space.
- Relational, obedience-based discipleship.** MC's aren't focused on affinity based or knowledge based discipleship. It's a diverse family united around mission who are sharing life through various relational rhythms.
- Team leadership.** A MC is typically led by a team. Often a missional leader, shepherding leader, and logistics leader.



For more information, see our expanded MC handouts.
If you are desiring to join a MC then the first step is to engage with our Learning Cohorts.

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