

# MISSIONAL ENGAGEMENT - STUDY GUIDE

## SESSION FIVE - PRACTICAL WAYS TO ENGAGE

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### INTRODUCTION

In this last session, we want to provide you with some practical ways to engage missionally. Some of these ideas take a small commitment. You can just check them off and go on with your life. Others take a much higher commitment and a higher price when it comes to your time and priorities.

There are also seasons in life where some things fit better than others. Allow God to guide you in discerning what he might want for you personally and maybe for your group as you engage together more in the missio dei.

### VIDEO: SESSION FIVE

### 19 PRACTICAL WAYS TO MISSIONALLY ENGAGE

**1** Invite a neighbor for dinner.

**2** Start serving a need in your community.

**3** Join a hobby with non-Christians.

**4** Volunteer with a non-profit.

**5** Serve your neighbors.

**6** Organize a fundraiser with non-Christians.

**7** Adopt a place.

**8** Start a Community on Mission.

**9** Prayer-walk your neighborhood.  
<https://communitiesonmission.com/prayerwalk>

**10** Do an Ocean's Eleven project.

**11** Be a guest.

**12** Interview influencers in business, non-profit, & social service sectors.

**13** Start or join a missional living project.

**14** Do more research.

**15** Map your neighborhood.

**16** Attend a community event together.

**17** Working together.

**18** Party together with people not yet of faith.

**19** Use the BELLS model.

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**3. Join a hobby with non-Christians.**

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**8. Start a Community on Mission.**

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**9. Prayer-walk your neighborhood.**

Prayer-walk guide available at: <https://communitiesonmission.com/prayerwalk>

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**10. Do an Ocean's Eleven project.**

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#### 13. Start on join a missional living project.

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#### 14. Do more research.

Here are some questions you can think through or research.

- List ten non-Christians you know and write next to their name where they hang out and how they spend their time.
- What are your community's top ten needs?
- Who is already having a positive impact in the community?
- What needs are not yet being met in your community?
- Where is God already at work in your neighborhood?

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#### 15. Map your neighborhood.

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#### 19. Use the BELLS model.

Michael Frost's BELLS model.

- **B**less others. We bless people, both inside and outside the church.
- **E**at together. We eat together, sharing meals with believers and non-believers alike.
- **L**isten to the Spirit. We listen to the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit as we engage with those around us.
- **L**earn Christ. We intimately learn Christ as our leader and model for making disciples.
- **S**ent by God. We see ourselves as sent by God to everywhere life takes us.

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### FURTHER RESOURCES

[Exiles](#) - Michael Frost

[The Shaping of Things to Come](#) - Alan Hirsch & Michael Frost

[A Why to Live For](#) - Dave Rodriguez

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### DISCUSSION & REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Which of the 19 ways to engage did you most resonate with and why?

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2. Which of the 19 ways to engage would you be most likely to implement and why?

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3. What might keep you from implementing any of these ideas?

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4. Write down one or more things that you are committing before God and the group that you want to implement in the next days and weeks.

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