



GOING DEEPER

Read through 'Vision of the Church' document.
Read through 'Mission of the Church' document.



DISCUSSION & REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Think about how you would define the Kingdom of God in your own words, then summarize it below.

2. Which of the four principles above excites you the most? Why?

3. Think about how you define church, then summarize it in one or two sentences.

COMMUNITY ON MISSION ONBOARDING CLASS

SESSION #2 - DEEP DIVE INTO COMMUNITIES ON MISSION



VIDEO: COMMUNITY ON MISSION OVERVIEW

COMMUNITY ON MISSION DEFINITION:

A Community on Mission is an 8-12 person group that uniquely blends deep relationships with the call to serve others. Weekly meetings rotate between missional outreach and community gatherings. In the missional outreach, relationships are formed and heaven on earth is made visible through the service of a specific group/place. Through the community gatherings, relationships are formed as participants share in life, faith, and growth.

GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNITIES ON MISSION

- The spiritual growth of the Community on Mission is equally as important as fulfilling the defined mission of the group.
- Each Community on Mission must have a specific group or place they regularly serve.
- Every Community on Mission has a Mission-Leader who takes care of organizing the mission and a Community-Leader who is responsible for the spiritual well-being of the group.
- Prayer, Bible study, guidance, and spiritual reflection are an integral part of a Community on Mission and take place every two weeks during the community gathering.

EACH COMMUNITY ON MISSION IN OUR CONTEXT HAS THREE ELEMENTS:

1. There is the _____
2. There is the _____ of the Community on Mission.
3. There are _____



NOTES

12 REASONS FOR COMMUNITIES ON MISSION

1. The _____ is a Community on Mission, therefore Communities on Mission reflect the essence of God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit are in intimate community with each other and at the same time are on mission to restore all of creation.
2. Spiritual growth happens through _____ and _____. Therefore, both are equally important and must always be integrated with each other. Accountability about personal spiritual well-being happens in a natural and mission-oriented way through Communities on Mission.
3. Jesus and his disciples were a _____. Jesus had the clear goal of establishing and proclaiming the Kingdom of God and at the same time he had fostered authentic and intimate community with his disciples.
4. Communities on Mission make sure we don't fall into _____ Christianity. Faith without works is dead (James 2).
5. Individual spiritual growth is much easier to _____, since no one is able to hide in the masses.
6. The danger of _____ while serving for and with God is minimized by coaching and shepherding provided through our leadership structure, who closely guide each member of the Community on Mission.
7. _____ are empowered to share in the responsibility of shepherding, therefore the pastor is no longer solely carrying the burden when it comes to the spiritual growth of the people within the church.
8. Communities on Mission create a real sense of _____ and true commitment. Each participant knows where he belongs, every leader knows which mission he is responsible for, and every shepherd knows who he or she provides care to.
9. Communities on Mission offer people who are _____ to the church a simple and clear way to directly connect with other Christians and a clear mission that brings heaven on earth.
10. Communities on Mission make it easy for potential leaders and shepherds to step out and take on responsibility through clearly defined leadership _____ and expectations.
11. Communities on Mission provide a clear framework for _____ without limiting the diversity of what Communities on Mission can do and how they function.
12. Communities on Mission provide a healthy way of _____ a centralized and decentralized structure. Communities on Mission can reproduce without losing the vision of the whole.



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Read through 'Definitions of Community on Mission' document.
Read through 'Community on Mission Commitment' document.



DISCUSSION & REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. In your own words, how would you summarize what a Community on Mission is and why it is important?

2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of including Non-Christians in a Community on Mission?

3. Which of the 12 reasons for Communities on Mission resonates with you the most? Why?

COMMUNITY ON MISSION EXAMPLES



COMMUNITY ON MISSION SPIELMOBIL

OUR MISSION

Bring Heaven on Earth for children in refugee accommodations by visiting them with the SpielMobil, a van full of games, to share an afternoon of laughter, joy, and play.

THE TEAM MEMBERS

We invite you to become part of the team by helping a SpielMobil outreach at least every two to four weeks.

THE CORE GROUP

We invite you to become part of the core group by committing to help with every other week SpielMobil outreaches and participating in our community gatherings where we pray and grow spiritually.



COMMUNITY ON MISSION WORSHIP SERVICE AT SENIOR LIVING HOME

OUR MISSION

Make a piece of heaven on earth visible by serving those living in senior living homes, bringing an ecumenical worship service to them and spending time with them in relationship.

THE TEAM MEMBERS

You are invited to become a member of the CoM team by helping out at least once a month at the worship services at the senior living home and participating in our regular visits to those living there.

THE CORE GROUP

You are invited to become a contributor of our core group by committing to attend our worship services every other week and participating in our regular community gatherings where we work together on the development of the mission project, pray together and grow spiritually.



COMMUNITY ON MISSION SIDEWALK

OUR MISSION

Bring Heaven on Earth by walking the streets of Darmstadt every other week to meet people living on the streets and build relationships with them.

THE TEAM MEMBERS

You are invited to become a member of the team by committing to joining our street outreaches every other week.

THE CORE GROUP

You are welcome to become a contributor to our core group if you commit to help out on the streets and pray and grow spiritually every other week as a small group.



COMMUNITY ON MISSION PE/IX

OUR MISSION

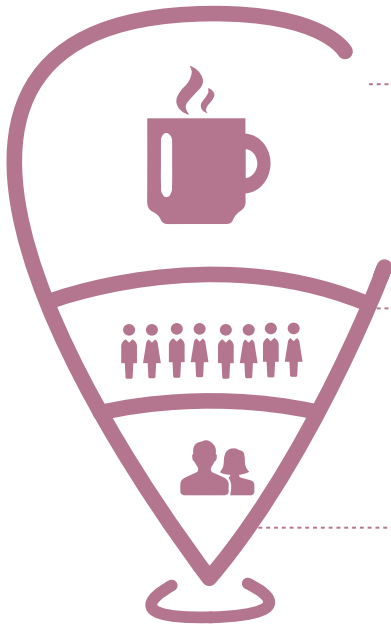
Bring Heaven on Earth in the darkest corners of our city by visiting women working in the brothels of Darmstadt, getting to know them, and sharing our lives with them.

THE TEAM MEMBERS

We welcome you to become a part of our pe/ix-street teams if you care about the women and commit to visit them in the brothels every other week.

THE CORE GROUP

You are also invited to become part of the pe/ix core group if you would like to help every other week with follow-up work after the outreaches. This includes having delicious food, talking about questions that arise, praying together and growing spiritually.



COMMUNITY ON MISSION GRANNY'S COFFEE

OUR MISSION

Bring Heaven on Earth for senior citizens through our afternoon visits at a senior living home. We do this by spending time with individuals who are often lonely or forgotten.

THE TEAM MEMBERS

We welcome you to become a member of the CoM team by visiting a senior living home with us once a month or supporting the project regularly by donating a cake.

THE CORE GROUP

We welcome you to become a member of our CoM core group by committing to:

- Visiting senior citizens at a senior living facility
- Praying and growing spiritually with us at our community gatherings



COMMUNITY ON MISSION EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

OUR MISSION

Bring Heaven on Earth to hospital patients in what can be a desolate place by visiting their rooms and inviting them to the hospital chapel for a worship service.

THE TEAM MEMBERS

You are invited to become a part of the team by committing to go to the hospital with us at least one Sunday a month and either inviting patients to worship or sharing your musical talents in the service.

THE CORE GROUP

You are invited to become part of the core group by committing to help with the hospital worship service as well and participate in our community gatherings every two weeks so that we can grow together as a group and develop spiritually.



DISCUSSION & REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Are you more on the side of Hope Discipleship or Cowboy Discipleship? Why?

2. Do you remember a decision in your life that led to a major spiritual breakthrough? If so, what was it?

3. Which of the balloons are you not currently holding in your hands? Why not?



DISCUSSION & REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What are the strengths and weaknesses in having two leaders lead a Community on Mission?

2. Are you drawn more towards being a Mission leader or a Community leader? Why?

3. Do you feel you have what it takes to lead a Community on Mission? If yes, why? If no, why not?

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SESSION #5 - WRAP UP



VIDEO: ASPECTS AND OUTCOMES OF A COMMUNITY ON MISSION

ASPECTS OF A COMMUNITY ON MISSION

A Community on Mission is about _____

A Community on Mission is about _____

A Community on Mission is like a _____

A Community on Mission is like a _____

A Community on Mission is like an _____

A Community on Mission is about _____
ministry.

A Community on Mission is like a _____

OUTCOMES OF A COMMUNITY ON MISSION

1. Every Christian is a _____
2. People experience biblical _____
3. People can _____ before they _____. We include Non-Christians in kingdom work.
4. We build _____ relationships at our missional outreach.
5. We make a piece of _____ visible through serving the world.
6. Discipleship is happening in the context of _____.
7. _____ are empowered to share in the responsibility of shepherding and mission work.
8. In the context of relationships we _____ people to follow Jesus.
9. We live a missional _____ of coming together in order to be sent out again.