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Creating a Missionary Culture

***Have you noticed any
changes lately?***

Headline News

“Christians Decline as Share of U.S. Population; Other Faiths and the Unaffiliated Are Growing”

(Pew Research Center,
“America’s Changing Religious Landscape,”
May 2015)

Changes from 2007 to 2015

Christian 78.4% → 70.6%

Non-Christian 4.7% → 5.9%

Unaffiliated 16.1% → 22.8%

(Note: Evangelical Christians make up
25 % of Americans.)

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A Reflective Perspective

“Christianity isn’t dying and no research says it is; the statistics about Christians in America are simply starting to show a clearer picture of what American Christianity is becoming—less nominal, more defined, and more outside of the mainstream of American culture.”

(Ed Stetzer, *Facts & Trends*, Aug/Sept 2015)

“Jesus Sends Seventy-Two Missionaries”

(Luke 10:1-16)

- Anticipate a harvest.
- Pray for workers.
- Go!
- Seek people of peace.
- Proclaim the approach of God’s kingdom.

Could it be that . . .

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Church to create a missionary
culture?

Our Mission

Our mission is to help ordinary people become fully formed followers of Jesus Christ.

So, what's an "ordinary" person look like?

Ordinary people tend to be characterized by spiritual indifference, consumerism, and busyness.

So, what's a "fully formed follower of Jesus Christ" look like?

Fully formed followers of Jesus Christ are characterized by love for God, love for our neighbor, and love for one another (Jesus' "three loves").

Mark 12:30

Mark 12:31

John 13:34-35

Our Motivation

- Our love for God motivates us to bear witness to Him in all we do as missionaries (“sent”).

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- Our love for our neighbor motivates us to serve the people around us incarnationally as missionaries (“seek”).

Our Motivation

- Our love for one another motivates us to work together in teams as missionaries (“missionary communities”).

Our Definitions

- A *missionary* is a believer whose driving passion is to show and tell the good news of Jesus Christ in every area of life.

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- A *missionary community* is a team of believers whose driving passion is to show and tell the good news of Jesus Christ in every area of life.

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- A *missionary church* is a body of believers whose driving passion is to show and tell the good news of Jesus Christ in every area of life.

Our Missionary Vision

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Our Strategy

- Connect—exemplify a missionary mindset and emphasize the power of prayer (a function of *leadership*)

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- Grow—educate, equip, and challenge around a missionary mindset (a function of *discipleship*)

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- Worship—celebrate the stories about our missionary mindset (a function of *worship*)

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- Serve—engage every member in the outworking of our missionary mindset (a function of *relationship*)

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