

Family Ministry Life Group Curriculum

MARCH 2026 - MISSIONAL Week 1

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When TSF talks about "being missional" we mean that in two ways:

1) Taking the gospel to as many people as we can as individual believers, and partnering as a church with people that are doing that all over the world.

2) Serving those in need, showing the gospel through our actions to the most hurting and needful people in our community.

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WEEK 1 // Surprise the World discussion

1- Talk in your group about what ideas or images come into mind when someone says, "mission field." What does that phrase make you think of? How many ways is that phrase used?

2- What do you think your mission field/s might be?

3- Read Matthew 28:16-20. Who is Jesus talking to when he gives this command? What stands out to you as important about v. 18; how does it fit in with what Jesus is talking about here?

4- What is the main instruction that Jesus gives in this verse? What three things are we told to do in order to accomplish that? What promise is given in this passage?

5- What is a disciple? How do you make one???

6- How many mission fields does your group have all together?

7- In the book, Frost says, "...every believer should take seriously his or her calling to alert others to God's reign and rule (in the world)." He's expanding what it means to be a witness in our mission fields by living out the gospel in front of others. Frost writes that this is best accomplished by:

reconciliation- being right in relationships and helping others be right in their relationships.

justice- fighting for the rights and higher life of the poor, oppressed and suffering.

beauty- showing the beauty of God to others so they see God more clearly (beauty of fellowship/ community, beauty in a good meal, beauty in creation, beauty in the arts, etc).

wholeness- helping to repair or impede the damaging effects of sin in people's lives.

How can you do any of these things with someone in your life? How can you make sure they see the gospel clearly in whichever one you choose to do?

8- How can you and your group be more missional in light of this discussion? Start with how you're not currently missional and move into how you can become more on mission with the gospel in the mission field God has given you.

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"Don't Waste Your Life" YouTube video
<https://tinyurl.com/TSFDontWaste>

WEEK 2 // Don't Waste Your Life

1- We're all familiar with the idea of financial investments. We often do not think of investing our lives, all of us and all we have. What does it look like to invest your life in something?

2- Read Mark 8:36 and Luke 16:19-31. What do these passages tell us about how we are to invest our lives? What dangers of bad life investments are we warned about here?

3- Read Mark 8:34-35. What does this passage tell us about the difficulties of following Jesus? Why is it difficult to follow Jesus?

4- We should not seek an easy life, a "blessed" life, a comfortable life. We should aim our lives at and invest our lives in God's Kingdom in any way we can, to the farthest extent we can. The ease or difficulty of the investment should not be what determines our willingness to make it. Where might you be struggling with some investment of your life because you are afraid of the cost or it might be difficult?

5- Watch the John Piper YouTube video "Don't Waste Your Life." Discuss your initial thoughts and come to a conclusion about what Piper is intending when he says, "Don't Waste Your Life."

What are his messages to young people/new Christians?

What are his messages to older people/long-time Christians?

With as much honesty and transparency as possible, discuss the stories of Ruby and Laura. Was it a wasteful tragedy- why or why not?

6- What must you understand in order to not waste your life, according to Piper's message?

7- How can you start to invest your life in meaningful ways so that you're not wasting your life? What might you need to repent of re: how you have been wasting your life? How can you take the life & circumstances you have been given and not waste them?

TSF offers several ways for you to not waste your life, including:

Serving at TSF on a Ministry Team; Prayer teams and ministries; mission trips, children and student ministries, The Hiding Place, Friends of North Richmond, Feed the Hunger, Uganda Child Sponsorship, Teaching and Leading ministries, 1000 Hills homeless ministry, and many others. Contact us to get busy investing your life at TSF or to see how we can partner with you to help you invest your life better in God's missional things!