

Rhythm of Mission & Compassion (DOWN)



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Jesus has called us to live as sent people in this city, extending his good news to everyone we meet, but especially with the poor and vulnerable. We recognize the temptation to focus entirely on ourselves and those who are like us, but choose instead to embrace the people and pain of our city.

Because God's desire is to bring His kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, we commit to being on mission with God by practicing faithful presence in the city, working for restorative justice and renewal, and sharing the good news of the gospel with others.

PRACTICES

Presence. We believe that God is at work in people and places. Disciples of Jesus are "sent ones" but we do not go alone because God is already at work. Our calling is not to bring Jesus to people, but to be faithfully present to the work that God is already doing in people, helping them to take steps towards God's kingdom. We engage in presence by consistently showing up in nonChristian environments, building relationships with nonChristians, and discerning how the Spirit is at work.

Justice. God loves Miami and so do we. Because we care about the good of the whole city, not just of those in our own tribe, we engage in issues that matter to our city and join others in working for the common good. We find tangible, concrete ways to extend God's kingdom and compassion to our poor and marginalized neighbors. We recognize that Miami is filled with both beauty and brokenness, and we are sent into the city to labor for its holistic healing.

Gospel. We point others to a deep, personal relationship with Jesus. The coming of Christ is both the culmination of Israel's story and the greatest news in the world. Our aim is to make this good news known, always with humility and love, to nonChristian people in Miami. We value building relationships with nonChristians because Jesus deeply loves them and desires for all people to experience his abundant life.

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Suggested Ways to Try The Practices

Presence

- Spend time in a “third space” that you already have a connection to (eg. Coffee shop, bar, gym, park, sports league, etc). If you’re able to spend time in this space 2-3 times within a week, then even better. While you’re there, pay prayerful attention to others that are there as well. Use these questions to help you pay attention:
 - *Who is showing up in this space?*
 - *Why do they seem to be there? What motivates them to be here?*
 - *What “stories” am I hearing? Are they stories of fear, pain, and anxiety or excitement, joy, and hope?*
 - *Am I getting a spiritual sense or vibe? What do I sense God might be highlighting in this space?*

Justice

- Participate in the Choose Love homeless ministry on Tuesday nights at 14th Street. Spend time hanging out with our friends on the streets, learn their stories, and build relationships.
- Listen to and/or read MLK’s “Letter from Birmingham Jail” (both can be found on Rhythm’s website).
- Watch the Bible Project’s video “Justice” which can be found on Rhythm’s website.

Gospel

- Share a meal or a drink with a nonChristian friend this week. Catch up on life, share the highs and lows, and talk with them about something you are learning about God in this season of life.
- Write out your testimony and share it with a spiritual friend. Allow them to give you some feedback. Then take time to pray for opportunities to share your personal journey during the coming week.

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