

COMISSIONAL LIVING

Making Much of Jesus *As You Go*

Practice 1: PRAY

Big Question 2: Where Do I Start?

Prayer is used by God to bring His people into alignment with His mission. It is critical that we remember that prayer is not a power by which we force God to act according to our will. Rather, by communicating with God, His passions can become our passions.

– Philip Nation

The first (and indispensable) step to living a “comissional life” is to

Romans 10:1 (ESV)

¹ Brothers, my heart’s desire and **prayer to God for them** is that they may be saved.

Praying for others leads to missional _____ for others.

Romans 10:14-15 (ESV)

¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

Faith requires *hearing* the Gospel.

Hearing requires *speaking* the Gospel.

Speaking the Gospel is inseparable from missional living.

Colossians 4:2-6 (ESV)

² **Continue steadfastly in prayer**, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³ At the same time, **pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word**, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— ⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. ⁵ Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

How this works:

Prayer _____ toward hard people.

Matthew 5:43-44 (ESV)

*You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and **pray for those** who persecute you ...*

Prayer _____ to God's heart for my city.

Jeremiah 29:7 (ESV)

*⁷... seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and **pray to the LORD on its behalf**, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.*

Prayer _____ me and _____ me to be bold.

Ephesians 6:18b-20 (ESV)

*¹⁸... keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, **that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly** to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, **that I may declare it boldly**, as I ought to speak.*

Prayer _____ for Gospel encounters.

2 Thessalonians 3:1 (ESV)

*¹Finally, brothers, pray for us, **that the word of the Lord may speed ahead** and be honored, as happened among you ...*

Prayer gives _____ to my words and actions.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (ESV)

*⁴... and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in **demonstration of the Spirit and of power**, ⁵so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.*

Prayer _____ of hearers.

Acts 26:18 (ESV)

¹⁸... to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

Conclusion:

Pray ...

Listen ...

Look ...