



# MISSIONAL FAMILY MEETING CARD

Sharing the Freedom & Family of Christ

## WHAT

Get-together's for those eager to connect around good news and help others do the same.

## WHY

In an increasingly divided world, we think that small communities can have a big impact, when they're intentional about welcoming in even the "unwelcome," and applying the Scriptures together.

Similar to how Jesus often communed with His "12", Missional Family Meetings function like the "living room" of the household of God. They are where we're welcomed-in to be sent-out to "exercise" and apply the Scriptures together.

## HOW

Through the establishment of a light-weight, low-maintenance, intentional meeting rhythm; that works in any space; leads to a kind of "family on mission" mentality, and generally employs the below best practices...

### **SET THE TABLE ::** (If meeting physically)

As necessary, each person, including kids, helps with final preparations.

### **WELCOME, TOAST & PRAY ::**

**WELCOME** - Help everyone feel at home and reminded of the "Why" & "How" of meeting.

**TOAST** - Invite any to briefly share what: they're grateful for, God is teaching them, or how they've seen Him work.

**PRAY** - Thank God for what was shared and invite the Spirit into the meeting.

### **MEAL ::** (If meeting physically)

Conversation is encouraged around catching up; learnings from study of Scripture and within DNA Groups.

### **DISCUSSION ::**

**ANNOUNCE** :: Remind of any Hub or Missional Family announcements.

**INTRODUCE** :: The content for discussion.<sup>1</sup>

**FRAME** :: Discussion in terms of striving for application of the content.

**DISCUSS** :: Content at-hand by means of O.I.A. Process (ie: *Observation*: "What Stands Out?", *Interpretation*: "What do you learn about God, You, Us, Others?", *Application*: (see below)).

**APPLY** :: Learnings ought to focus on what is to be believed and done in response to what was learned.<sup>2</sup>

### **REMIND, PRAY & SERVE ::**

**REMIND** - Of any Hub or Missional Family announcements.

**PRAY** - Thank God for the privilege of meeting and invite Spirit to give grace to live out applications discussed

**SERVE** - By helping to clean & financially contribute to the meal if necessary.

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<sup>1</sup> Content for the Missional Family should prioritize the application of the Sunday Message and then the study of "PRAXIS" at least 1x per year in addition to other agreed-upon and church/elder approved Biblical resources.

<sup>2</sup> Applications ought to consistently incorporate local, domestic, national/international opportunities, in order to develop a Great Commission Heart :: Locally = Immediate Neighbors/Neighborhood; Domestically = Send Relief, Boston Collaborative, Send Boston Churches; National/International = Missions Partnerships.