



MISSIONARY

YEAR 1 | MODULE 2

- » **Vision: A church of fully alive Jesus followers who are using their gifts and sacrificing their lives for others.**
- » **Mission: Mature disciples who are equipped and confident to join a church planting team if called.**

Module 2: Missionary

We realize it's more common to find content and development related to missions at the end of a series, not at the beginning. Yet, being on mission does not require a set number of years in Christian faith and practice before we can be mindful of others. Even the disciples of Jesus were sent out to proclaim the coming of God's Kingdom before they fully understood all of Jesus' redemptive plan (Matthew 10:5-15 & Luke 9:1-6). As we go about our lives, we too can be ambassadors for Christ to everyone around us. So what does it mean to be a missionary of Jesus?

*"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us."
- 2 Corinthians 5:20*

Goals:

- Learn about the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) and God's redemptive plan that all nations, tribes, peoples, and languages worship Him (Revelation 7:9)
- Discover your purpose and role in advancing God's Kingdom
- Integrate rhythms of evangelism and outreach into your everyday life, such as welcoming interruptions to your routine
- Increase awareness of historical and present missionaries advancing the Gospel message throughout the world
- Anticipate the good works that God will do, and celebrate with your Redemption Church family what he has done and is doing among us

Events & Opportunities to Engage with Others:

- Sunday Gathering - Missionaries of the New Testament Sermon Series
- Take the initiative along with others in your Redemption Church family to plan small group events to intermingle with friends, friends of friends, and neighbors to practice what you are learning about being a missionary

Supplemental Readings:

- *The Unbelievable Gospel: Say Something Worth Believing* by Jonathan Dodson
- *Operation World: The Definitive Prayer Guide to Every Nation* by Jason Mandryk
- *Missions: How the Local Church Goes Global* by Andy Johnson
- Movie: *Sheep Among Wolves Vol. II* by FAI Studios (available on YouTube)

My Missional Development Plan

I am praying for the following individuals that they would come to know God:

In the space below, write your initial thoughts on what you think it means to be a missionary. Then, over the next few months record your experience(s) of being a missionary in your journal. At the end of this module we will review how your initial thoughts compare to your experience(s) this summer.

— Share the Gospel

Write in your journal a three-minute explanation of the Gospel message and your personal testimony. Refine it with your Discipleship Pod and Community Group members to make sure it's clear and authentic.

— Know Your Neighbors

Strategize ways to get to know and care for your neighbors. Apply what you learned from the *Art of Neighboring* sermon series from fall 2019 and what you are now learning in being a missionary. Exchange ideas and plans with your Redemption Church family, as well as invite them to help and support your efforts.

Art of Neighboring: <https://redemptioncharlotte.com/blog/tag/the-art-of-neighboring/>

— Expand Your World

Consider the groups of people to whom you have little or no connections, such as the elderly, Charlotte's burgeoning international community, the homeless, or one of the countless subcultures in Charlotte. Likely you already have a group of people in mind who you've been wanting to be acquainted. Select one of these groups and find ways to connect, which likely involves spending time where these folks gather, eat, work, and play. Don't feel as though you have to do this alone, invite others in your Redemption Church family to join you, especially those who desire to connect with the same group of people.